



Summer Reading List for Rising 8th Graders 2019

8th grade students will need to read **two** required books.

They will read and complete an assignment for *Leap of Faith* (Mrs. Kearney has a class set of these books) and *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain*

The assignments will be due on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

Teachers will follow up with additional meaningful discussions and assignments in class once school resumes, and this may include a quiz on the material.

Leap of Faith- Author: Kimberly Bradley

Abigail is starting a new middle school, a Catholic school, because she's been expelled from her old one. She's sure that this place will be just the same as the last, and no one will listen to her here either. Even her parents don't seem able to really hear the truth about what happened at the previous school. But now she finds herself in a community of people who do listen, who want to be her friends, and who help her discover a talent for theater that she never knew she had. Converting to Catholicism began merely as a way to annoy her parents, but quickly it becomes more. Could she be developing real faith? Kimberly Brubaker Bradley masterfully tells the tale of Abigail's spiritual journey and the faith that comes to those who need it.

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain - Author: John Fleischman

Science writer John Fleischman uses a clipped, engaging expository style to tell the incredible story of the railroad worker who, in 1848, survived the piercing blast of a 13-pound iron rod as it entered below his cheekbone and exited the front of his skull.

The assignment for *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain* will be STREAM activities that will be completed during the first weeks of school.

Assignment for *Leap of Faith*

1. Students are to create a 3D image of themselves (bottle doll, clay image or any other 3D media)
2. Students will write a 400-word essay in MLA format explaining what their leap of faith will be as they enter their 8th grade year as a servant leader.
3. The paper along with their 3D project will be due the first day of school, August 21, 2019.

