



## ***Preparation for 3ème Summer Reading List 2025***

**Try to do as much reading as possible over break. Feel free to read books that aren't on this list too, but these are some ideas to get you inspired! Choose one text from either fiction or non-fiction and be prepared to complete a task in 3ème on this text**

### **Fiction**

- *Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams

This truly powerful novel delves deep into issues of colorism. It is often painful to read, as Genesis struggles with self-loathing, internalised racism, poverty and a verbally abusive family. Raw, honest and emotional, readers will fall in love with Genesis as they follow her battles and she finally learns to love herself.

- *The Lie Tree* by Frances Hardinge

A deliciously creepy novel from Frances Hardinge, the award-winning author of *Cuckoo Song* and *Fly By Night*. Plagued by an unspoken scandal, fourteen-year-old Faith Sunderly and her family are forced to flee their home in Kent to start a new life. But news travels fast, and the gossip they're running from soon reaches the small island community of Vane, to devastating effect.

- *A Song Below Water* by Bethany C. Morrow

Tavia is already at odds with the world, forced to keep her siren identity under wraps in a society that wants to keep her kind under lock and key. Nevermind she's also stuck in Portland, Oregon, a city with only a handful of black folk and even fewer of those with magical powers. But everything changes in the aftermath of a siren murder trial that rocks the nation. Tensions escalate when Tavia accidentally lets out her magical voice during a police stop. No secret seems safe anymore —soon Portland won't be either.

- *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson

Liz Lighty has always believed she's too black, too poor, too awkward to shine in her small, rich, prom-obsessed midwestern town. But it's okay -- Liz has a plan that will get her out of Campbell, Indiana, forever: attend the uber-elite Pennington College, play in their world-famous orchestra, and become a doctor. But when the financial aid she was counting on unexpectedly falls through, Liz's plans come crashing down . . . until she's reminded of her school's scholarship for prom king and queen.

- *A Good Kind of Trouble* by Lisa Moore Ramée

This novel follows a young Black girl as she learns to navigate the world around her, investigating issues of race, racism, police brutality and racial injustice. It delves into the Black Lives Matter movement and the importance of protest as its twelve-year-old protagonist grows up and learns to find her voice.

- *Red Rising* (trilogy) by Pierce Brown

Did you enjoy *The Maze Runner* or *The Hunger Games* Trilogy? Then check out this new trilogy. The Earth is dying. Darrow is a Red, a miner in the interior of Mars. His mission is to extract enough precious elements to one day tame the surface of the planet and allow humans to live on it. The Reds are humanity's last hope. Or so it appears, until the day Darrow discovers it's all a lie.

- *Gone* by Michael Grant

Gripping from the first moment, this is a scary, unputdownable and brilliantly plotted fantasy. One minute all the adults are there - next they're gone! Only the children remain and they are trapped, cut off from the outside world and, scarily, left to rule themselves. Can they survive?

- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

The story of Starr Carter, a 16-year-old who sees her childhood best friend fatally shot by a police officer. Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, Angie Thomas's gripping debut is an absolute must-read.

- *Buffalo Soldier* by Tanya Landman

What kind of a girl steals the clothes from a dead man's back and runs off to join the army? A desperate one, that's who. The world was turned on its head by that big old war, and the army seemed like the safest place to be, until we were sent off to fight the Indians. And then? Heck! When Death's so close you can smell his breath, ain't nothing makes you feel more alive.

- *Slam* by Nick Hornby

When fifteen-year-old skateboarder Sam "Slam" Jones learns that his ex-girlfriend is pregnant, he turns to the only person he feels can help — his hero, skating legend Tony Hawk. Since Tony is only a poster and does not offer answers, it is up to Sam, thrust suddenly into maturity, to figure out the right thing to do.

- *Fire Colour One* by Jenny Valentine

A teenage girl will soon discover, there are some things which burn even brighter than fire. Iris's father Ernest is at the end of his life. Her best friend Thurston seems like a distant memory to her. Her mother has declared war. She means to get her hands on Ernest's priceless art collection so that she can afford to live the high life. But Ernest has other ideas.

## Non-fiction

- *The Wikipedia revolution: how a bunch of nobodies created the world's greatest encyclopaedia* by Andrew Lih

The author researched Wikipedia and collaborative journalism as a University of Hong Kong academic, and he has been a participating "Wikipedian" himself for the past five years. He notes the site has "invigorated and disrupted the world of encyclopaedias... yet only a fraction of the public who use Wikipedia realise it is entirely created by legions of unpaid and often unidentified volunteers."

- *The greatest stories never told : 100 tales from history to astonish, bewilder, & stupefy* by Rick Beyer

History isn't always made by great armies colliding or by great civilizations rising or falling. Sometimes it's made when a chauffeur takes a wrong turn or a scientist forgets to clean up his lab. That's the kind of history you'll find in this book.

- *Soul surfer : a true story of faith, family, and fighting to get back on the board* by Bethany Hamilton

When the first thing Bethany wanted to know after surgery was "When can I surf again?" it became clear that her unfaltering spirit and determination were part of a greater story -- a tale of courage and faith that this modest and soft-spoken girl would come to share with the world.

- *Blink : the power of thinking without thinking* by Malcolm Gladwell

This is a book about how we think without thinking, about choices that seem to be made in an instant-in the blink of an eye-that actually aren't as simple as they seem. Why are some people brilliant decision makers, while others are consistently inept? Why do some people follow their instincts and win, while others end up stumbling into error? How do our brains really work-in the office, in the classroom, in the kitchen, and in the bedroom? And why are the best decisions often those that are impossible to explain to others?

- *127 Hours: Between a Rock and a Hard Place* by Aaron Ralston

This is a gripping and unputdownable account of a real-life horror story. A day-by-day account of Aron Ralston's unforgettable survival story. In April 2003, whilst hiking in the Utah canyons, he was trapped by the hand for six days by an 800-pound boulder. Finally, he faced a terrible decision.