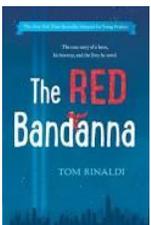




**Hingham Public Schools Summer  
Students Entering Grade 8  
Summer 2021**

**Instructions:**

- All students entering grade 8 at Hingham Middle School are required to read the book *The Red Bandana* by Tom Rinaldi (Young Readers Adaptation) and one additional selection from the list of choices.
- Please complete [this note-taking template](#) for *The Red Bandanna* and turn it in to your ELA teacher by Friday, September 10, 2021. (Note-taking on your choice text is optional.)

All-School Read		
Author	Title	Synopsis
Tom Rinaldi	<p><i>The Red Bandana</i> (Young Readers Adaptation)</p>  <p><b>Required for all students 6-8</b></p>	<p>On September 11, 2001, Welles was at his job on the 104th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center when the Twin Towers were attacked. What he did next would alter the course of many lives. That day, the legend of the Man in the Red Bandanna was born. Award-winning ESPN reporter Tom Rinaldi brings Welles's inspirational story of selflessness and compassion to life in this young readers' adaptation of his <i>New York Times</i> bestselling book. <a href="#">Amazon.com</a></p>
Grade 8 Choices (Select 1)		
Avi	<i>Nothing But the Truth</i>	<p>9<sup>th</sup> grader Philip Malloy was suspended from school for singing along to <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i>, causing what his teacher called "a disturbance." But was he squelched by the school system for standing up for his ideals? What happened at Harrison High changes everything for everyone in ways no one could have ever predicted. <a href="#">Amazon.com</a></p>
Valentina Camerini	<i>Greta's Story: The Schoolgirl Who Went on Strike to Save the Planet</i>	<p>It's August 2018, late summer in Stockholm. The TV news reports rising temperatures and numerous fires throughout Sweden. Fifteen-year-old Greta Thunberg decides she can't wait any longer: politicians must something to save the environment. Instead of returning to school, Greta takes a placard and goes on strike in front of Sweden's parliament building. Greta's protest began the Fridays for Future (or School Strike 4 Climate) movement, which millions have now joined worldwide. Greta has spoken at COP24 and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. This is her story, but also that of many other girls and boys around the world willing to fight for a better future. <a href="#">Amazon.com</a></p>
Lauren Hillenbrand	<i>Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman...</i> (Young Adult Adaptation)	<p>In this captivating and lavishly illustrated young adult edition of her award-winning #1 <i>New York Times</i> bestseller, Laura Hillenbrand tells the story of a former Olympian's courage, cunning, and fortitude following his plane crash in enemy territory. This adaptation of <i>Unbroken</i> introduces a new generation to one of history's most thrilling survival epics. <a href="#">Amazon.com</a></p>

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Michael Hingson	<i>Thunderdog</i>	<i>Thunder Dog</i> allows you entry stairwell B in the World Trade Center to experience survival through the eyes of a blind man and his beloved guide dog. It's the 9/11 story that will forever change your spirit and your perspective, illustrating how the rare trust between a man and his guide dog can inspire an unshakable faith in each one of us. <b>Amazon.com</b>
Julian Houston	<i>New Boy</i>	In late 1950s Virginia, opportunity is scarce for an African American, so Rob's parents enroll him in a Connecticut boarding school. But times are changing, and a movement is rising where Rob's friends are on the verge of taking action against segregation. There is even talk about sitting in at a lunch counter that refuses to serve black people. How can Rob hope to make a difference when he's a world away? <b>Amazon.com</b>
William Kamkwamba	<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i>	William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery. It was also a land withered by drought and hunger. With a small pile of old science textbooks, some scrap metal, tractor parts, and bicycle halves, he embarked on a daring plan to forge an unlikely contraption and small miracle that would change the lives around him. <b>Amazon.com</b>
Mark Pftzer	<i>Within Reach: My Everest Story</i>	Mark Pftzer, age 16, was the youngest climber on Mount Everest to reach 26,000 feet, and his autobiography focuses exclusively on his mountain climbing achievements. Told in diary format, Pftzer's story opens during the 1996 Everest expedition. Readers will be swept up in the details of people and places Pftzer meets in his travels. <b>Publisher's Weekly</b>
Ann Rinaldi	<i>A Break with Charity: A Story about the Salem Witch Trials</i>	Susanna desperately wants to join the circle of girls who meet every week at the parsonage. What she doesn't realize is that the girls are about to set off a torrent of false accusations leading to the imprisonment and execution of countless innocent people. Susanna faces a painful choice. Should she keep quiet and let the witch-hunt panic continue, or should she "break charity" with the group--and risk having her own family members named as witches? <b>Amazon.com</b>
William Ritter	<i>Jackaby</i>	Newly arrived in New England, 1892, Abigail Rook meets R. F. Jackaby, an extraordinary investigator, and Abigail's eye for detail gets her a job as his assistant. On day one, Abigail finds herself in the midst of a thrilling case. The police are convinced it's an ordinary villain, but Jackaby is certain the foul deeds are the work of a creature whose very existence the local authorities seem adamant to deny. <b>Amazon.com</b>
Schroff and Tresniowski	<i>An Invisible Thread</i>	<i>An Invisible Thread</i> tells of the life-long friendship between a busy sales executive and a disadvantaged young boy, and how both of their lives were changed by what began as one small gesture of kindness. <b>Amazon.com</b>
Ruta Sepetys	<i>Between Shades of Gray</i>	Fifteen-year-old Lina lives an ordinary life in Lithuania until Soviet officers invade her home and tear her family apart. Separated from her father, Lina, her mother, and her brother travel to a Siberian work camp, where Lina finds solace in her art. Risking everything, she imbeds clues of their location in her drawings and secretly passes them along, hoping they will make their way to her father's prison camp. <b>Amazon.com</b>
James L. Swanson	<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i>	This fast-paced thriller gives a day-by-day account of the wild chase to find John Wilkes Booth and his accomplices. Based on Swanson's bestselling adult book <i>Manhunt: The Twelve-day Chase for Lincoln's Killer</i> , this young adult version shows readers how Lincoln's death impacted those closest to him. <b>Amazon.com</b>