

## 8th Grade Summer Reading Guide

### ***The Crossover by Kwame Alexander***

1. How are Josh and Jordan alike? How are they different?
2. Do you think Josh is jealous of Jordan? Why or why not?
3. What is the deeper meaning of Basketball Rule #1?
4. What happens when Josh meditates at practice? What do you think it means? Why?
5. What life lesson do you think Josh and Jordan learned after their father died?
6. Kwame Alexander chose to write this book in verse. Do you like this type of writing? Why or why not?

### ***Allies by Alan Gratz***

1. What happened on “If Day”? What powerful lesson did James learn on “If Day”? How does that lesson apply to you?
2. James seems to constantly regret joining the army. Why do you think he regrets his decision?
3. Why was the American medic, Henry, treated badly by fellow Americans? How was he mistreated?
4. How do Monique and Dorothy help Dee?
5. What was your favorite story from Allies and why?