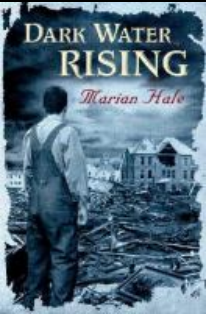
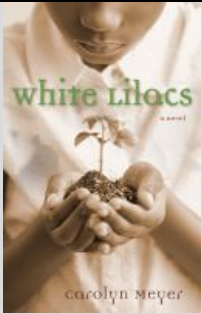
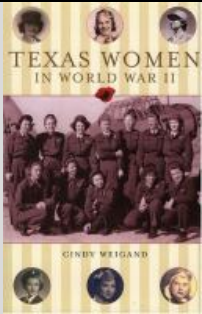
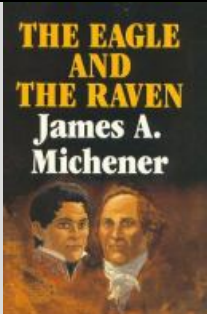




GT Humanities 7th Grade Summer Reading List 2016*

Driving Question	How have Texans demonstrated perseverance over adversity?
Read ONE of the Following**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dark Water Rising</i>, Hale • <i>White Lilac</i>, Meyer • <i>Texas Women in World War II</i>, Weigand • <i>The Eagle and the Raven</i>, Michener
AND Complete this Assignment	After reading your book, find a news article that relates to one of the events or issues found in your book. The article should be taken from a reputable source. (If you need help, resources will be posted on the district's library website at http://libraries.risd.org .) You will need to complete a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) to explain how your article connects to your book. After you return to school, you will be working on additional assignments involving the texts. Although you are not required to take notes on the book, annotations or notes are highly recommended.
AND Read	One other fiction book from the RISD Junior High Summer Reading List

**BOOK DETAILS

BOOK JACKET				
TITLE	<i>Dark Water Rising</i>	<i>White Lilacs</i>	<i>Texas Women in World War II</i>	<i>The Eagle and the Raven</i>
AUTHOR	Marian Hale	Carolyn Meyer	Cindy Weigand	James A. Michener
SUMMARY	While salvaging and rebuilding in the aftermath of the Galveston flood of 1900, sixteen-year-old Seth proves himself in a way that his previous efforts never could, but he still must face his father man-to-man.	In 1921 in Dillon, Texas, twelve-year-old Rose Lee sees trouble threatening her black community when the whites decide to take the land there for a park and forcibly relocate black families to an ugly stretch of territory outside the town.	Presents the stories of 27 Texas women who served in World War II, describing the emotional, mental, and physical challenges they faced while enlisted in the Women's Army Corps, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, the Army and Navy Nurse Corps, WAVES, and other military branches.	This historical narrative recalls one of the most exciting periods of Texas history in its contrast of charismatic men, Santa Anna and Houston, each flawed in so many ways yet dominant figures in their two nations, Mexico and Texas.

*Current research shows that giving students choice in selecting their summer reading books:

✓Has a significant impact on their academic success ✓Encourages the joy of reading ✓Combats summer reading loss and promotes reading development

Students who will be in 7th grade GT Humanities during the 2016-2017 school year are required to read 2 books and complete the assignment listed above by 8/22/16. All students will be assessed on their summer reading when they return to school. Some books contain mature themes. Please discuss reading selections as a family. For more information, visit our website at <http://libraries.risd.org/>.