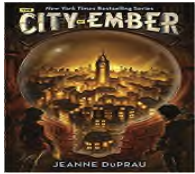


Summer Reading for Incoming 8th Graders

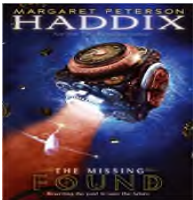
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1. The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau



The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must race to figure out the clues before the lights go out on Ember forever!

2. Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix



One night a plane appeared out of nowhere, the only passengers aboard: thirty-six babies. As soon as they were taken off the plane, it vanished. Now, thirteen years later, two of those children are receiving sinister messages, and they begin to investigate their past. Their quest to discover where they really came from leads them to a conspiracy that reaches from the far past to the distant future—and will take them hurtling through time. In this exciting new series, bestselling author Margaret Peterson Haddix brings an element of suspense that will keep readers on the edge of their seats.

3. Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper



Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She's the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it. Most people—her teachers, her doctors, her classmates—dismiss her as mentally challenged because she can't tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.

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1. Describe the protagonist (the main character). How would you describe this character? Could you be friends with this character? Give examples from the story that support your answer.
2. Describe a point in the story when the protagonist (the main character) faces a major conflict or problem. What advice would you give this character about solving his/her problem?
3. Think about how the story ends. What's the last thing you're left thinking about? Explain the theme (moral/lesson). Would you change anything about the ending?