

## FISD *Q1* Novel List – Grade 8

*Although not required, I highly recommended that students have a personal copy of the novels for learning and annotating purposes. I also recommended that students have a hard or soft copy of the novel as opposed to an e-book.*

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkein (summer reading)

*Peace like a River* by Leif Enger

*The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas

*The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare

## *Independent Reading*

Each allowable Friday, students engage in silent sustained reading with a novel of their choosing for approximately 15 minutes. At the end of the reading time, students are given approximately 10-15 minutes to respond to text, engaging in an internal conversation about a particular quotation or passage from their novel. Students are encouraged to read novels that will challenge their reading level and ability and cause them to read more deliberately and thoughtfully, which lends to more thoughtful dialectical journal responses. Students are expected to revisit their responses from Friday to Friday. This is a minor grade at the end of each six weeks.

Students are offered choice but might be directed towards a specific genre or concept. The books should be challenging enough that it will take approximately six weeks to finish reading, in and out of class.