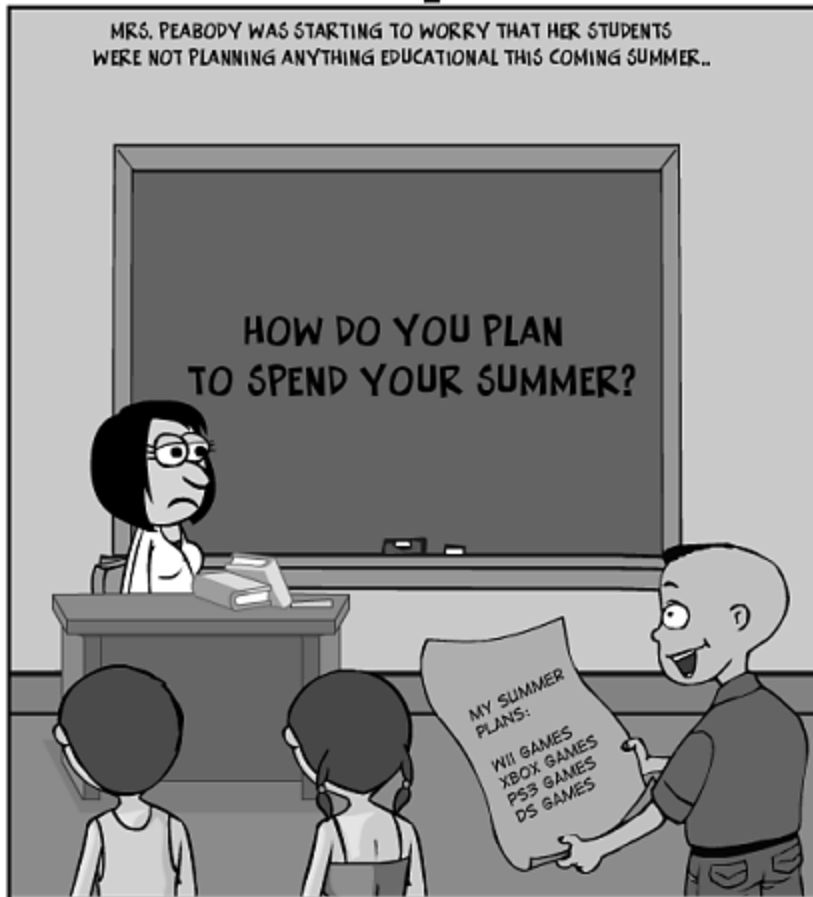


# Summer-ize Your Students

How to get your students ready for next year

## **SUMMER PLANS - BY BRIAN THOMASTCI**



*Mariners winterize their boats. Teachers should summer-ize their students. Get your students ready for summer break by providing resources and outlets for their learning to continue. You'll discover enrichment activities and opportunities your students and their families can embrace.~ Brian Thomas*

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## Create a summer reading list.

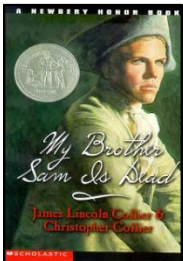
Looking at the scope and sequence your school district follows, find out the content that students will be studying next year and provide several books that students might consider reading.

Find the books on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple iBooks or another site and provide the url to each title.

Create a one-sentence description that will encourage students to read the book.



## Sample Summer 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

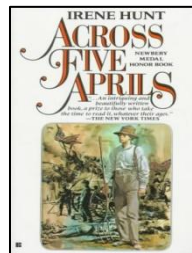


### My Brother Sam is Dead

By: James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier

*How does the Revolutionary War challenge loyalty to family and motherland?*

Amazon- <http://amzn.to/jdZ1hh>  
Barnes & Noble- <http://bit.ly/loTwNI>



### Across Five Aprils

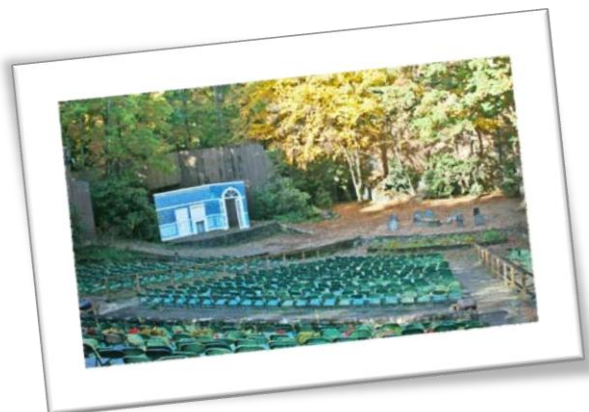
By Irene Hunt

*One family's struggle in southern Illinois during the American Civil War.*

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## Create a guide to must-see movies or productions.

Invite your students to attend a great movie or, EVEN BETTER, an outdoor production. These events don't always need to relate to content they will study. It's a great treat for them to see the arts in action.

You might consider telling students a day or date that you plan on taking your family and they can see you there (not recommending you establish an organized trip...just a meet up.)

## Sample Summer Guide to Productions



Witness the epic life story of the legendary Shawnee leader as he struggles to defend his sacred homelands in the Ohio country during the late 1700's. "Tecumseh!" has been labeled as one of the most mesmerizing dramas in the nation.

The huge, outdoor stages of the Sugarloaf Mountain Amphitheatre afford the audience a unique viewing experience. You will sit beneath the stars in the beautiful Sugarloaf Mountain Amphitheatre as sheer spectacle surrounds you with a herd of galloping horses, live military cannon in action, and the most dazzling battle sequences offered on the American stage.

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