

## Grade 7 Student Supply List 2011-2012

### For all classes on the first day of school

- Binder (Recommend 1.5" Mead Pro Platinum Zipper Binder or similar)
- College-ruled binder paper (three-hole punch reinforced is best)
- 1 set of 7 subject dividers
- Small box of hole reinforcement stickers
- Spiral notebook for Spanish journaling
- Composition book for English journaling
- Box of pencils (if using mechanical, extra 0.7 mm lead should be purchased)
- Box of pens (blue or black)
- Highlighters (one each of pink, yellow, green, and blue)
- Ruler
- 3x5 cards (two packs of 100)
- 3-subject spiraled notebook with folders for Math
- Protractor
- Compass
- Small box of colored pencils
- Small box or pouch for pens, pencils, etc.
- Two composition notebooks (100 sheet)
- Scientific calculator for Math (Texas Instruments TI-30X-IIS Scientific Calculator is recommended)
- One 512MB Flash Drive/USB Memory Key (Essential for storing and transferring electronic documents)
- Water bottle (such as a Nalgene bottle)
- One box of Kleenex
- Sturdy back pack (rolling suggested)
- Lunch box (with cold pack)

### Book List

- Please refer to the attached list regarding the books that must be purchased prior to school starting

### Physical Education Supplies (all items to be left at school and to be used for indoor activities)

- Closed-toed, non marking athletic shoes (tennis, basketball, or running)
- Athletic socks
- T-shirt
- Athletic shorts
- Water bottle (could be the same as that water bottle as the one listed above)

**All supplies should be clearly labeled with the name of the student!** Please be aware that it may be necessary to purchase additional supplies as the year progresses.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Ide at [aide@riverstoneschool.org](mailto:aide@riverstoneschool.org).

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*All books must be purchased by the student prior to start of school*

### Spanish

- Spanish-English Dictionary

### French

- French-English Dictionary
- “501 French Verbs”

### English

- The Odyssey (Graphic Novel). Illustrator/Adapter: Hinds, Gareth. ISBN: 978-0763642662**

This is a graphic novel version of Homer’s *The Odyssey*. It should be a wonderful way to introduce the timeless themes and adventures of this epic to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. "Gareth Hinds brings THE ODYSSEY to life in a masterful blend of art and storytelling. Vivid and exciting, this graphic novel is a worthy new interpretation of Homer’s epic."

—Rick Riordan, author of the Percy Jackson & the Olympians series

- The Power of One (Young Readers Condensed Version). Courtenay, Bryce. ISBN 978-0440239130**

This book has been a year in, year out favorite of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade readers at Riverstone. From Amazon’s product review, “In 1939, hatred took root in South Africa, where the seeds of apartheid were newly sown. There a boy called Peekay was born. He spoke the wrong language—English. He was nursed by a woman of the wrong color—black. His childhood was marked by humiliation and abandonment. Yet he vowed to survive—he would become welterweight champion of the world, he would dream heroic dreams. But his dreams were nothing compared to what awaited him. For he embarked on an epic journey, where he would learn the power of words, the power to transform lives, and the mystical power that would sustain him even when it appeared that villainy would rule the world: *The Power of One*.”

- A Girl Named Disaster. Farmer, Nancy. ISBN: 978-0140386356.**

This book won the Newberry Award. The following is a School Library Journal review of the book. “For Nhamo, an 11-year-old Shona girl living in Mozambique in 1981, life is filled with the traditions of her village people. When family circumstances, a ngozi (angry spirit), and a cholera epidemic force her into a horrible marriage, she flees with only her grandmother's blessings, some gold nuggets, and many survival skills. Still, what should have been a two-day boat trip across the border to her father's family in

Zimbabwe spans a year. Daily conversations with spirits help to combat her loneliness and provide her with sage and practical advice. The most incredible leg of her journey is spent on an island where Nhamo closely observes and is warily accepted by a baboon family only to have one of them destroy her shelter and food supply. She makes mistakes, loses heart, and nearly dies of starvation. Even after she arrives in Zimbabwe where she lives with scientists before meeting her father's family, Nhamo must learn to survive in civilization and exorcise the demons that haunt her. A cast of characters, glossary, background information on South Africa and the Shona, and a bibliography ground this novel's details and culture. This story is humorous and heartwrenching, complex and multilayered, and the fortunate child who reads it will place Nhamo alongside Zia (Island of the Dolphins) and Julie (Julie of the Wolves). An engrossing and memorable saga.” Susan Pine, Ne York Public Library

□ **Night, Wiesel, Elie. ISBN: 978-037450001**

In Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel's memoir *Night*, a scholarly, pious teenager is wracked with guilt at having survived the horror of the Holocaust and the genocidal campaign that consumed his family. His memories of the nightmare world of the death camps present him with an intolerable question: how can the God he once so fervently believed in have allowed these monstrous events to occur? There are no easy answers in this harrowing book, which probes life's essential riddles with the lucid anguish only great literature achieves. It marks the crucial first step in Wiesel's lifelong project to bear witness for those who died.

□ **Thunder over Kandahar. Sharon McKay, ISBN 978-1554512676**

Book Description From School Library Journal: “Gr 7-10—When her British and American-educated parents' return to Afghanistan is cut short by a terrible attack, 14-year-old Yasmine is sent to Kandahar for safety. Instead, the driver abandons her and her friend Tamanna along the way, and they must travel on their own through Taliban-controlled mountains. Sometimes the story focuses on Yasmine, and sometimes on Tamanna, a bright but uneducated village girl with a limp inflicted by a drunken uncle whose gambling debts are to be paid by her marriage. Toward the end of their journey, the two encounter Tamanna's twin brother, stolen years earlier and now a suicide bomber. Tamanna is shot, and Yasmine is left alone in Afghanistan, with no memory even of her own identity. Eventually she ends up in Pakistan. Though the survival story ends with the appearance of her grandfather and the return of some memories, the author provides a postscript imagining her characters' more positive futures. In spite of unrelenting violence, along with grinding poverty, restrictive customs, and the horrors of war, what shines through this sad narrative is the love Afghans have for their country. The Canadian author of *War Brothers* (Puffin, 2008) traveled to Afghanistan and provides numerous credits for this gripping tale.—Kathleen Isaacs, Children's Literature Specialist, Pasadena, MD. (c) Copyright 2010.”

## **Humanities**

□ **No God But God: The Origins and Evolution of Islam. Aslan, Reza. ISBN 978-0385739757. (Young Readers Edition)**

Book Description from Amazon. “In this invaluable introduction to a faith that for much of the West remains shrouded in ignorance and fear, Reza Aslan, an internationally acclaimed scholar of comparative religion, examines Islam: its rituals and traditions, the revelation of Muhammad as Prophet and the subsequent uprising against him, and the emergence of his successors. Aslan's comprehensive text explores the complex history of the fastest-growing religion in the world.

No god but God is an engaging, accessible, and thought-provoking book for young people that is sure to stimulate discussion and encourage understanding of the Islamic faith and the people who follow it.

#### About the Author

REZA ASLAN has studied religions at Santa Clara University, Harvard University, and the University of California, Santa Barbara. He holds an MFA in fiction from the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa, where he was named the Truman Capote Fellow in fiction. The original adult edition of No god but God was listed by Blackwell Publishers as one of the hundred most important books of the past decade. Born in Iran, Reza Aslan now lives in Los Angeles, where he is associate professor of creative writing at UC Riverside.”