

## RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English

#### UNIT 1: DEFINING AMERICA: POEMS, ESSAYS, AND SHORT STORIES

##### Fiction Texts with Aligned Themes and Topics

- *Drita My Home Girl* by Jenny Lombard\*
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan\*
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai\*
- *Katerina's Wish* by Jeannie Mobley\*
- *Kira Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata\*
- *Lowji Discovers America* by Candace Fleming\*
- *Star in the Forest* by Laura Resau\*
- *Sylvia & Aki* by Winifred Conklin\*
- *Shooting Kabul* by N.H. Senzai\*
- *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri\*\*
- *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri\*\*
- *Who's Irish?* by Gish Jen\*\*
- *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie\*\*
- *Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card* by Sara Saedi\*\*
- *American Street* by Ibi Zoboi\*\*
- *The Border* by Steve Schafer\*\*
- *The Good Braider* by Terry Farish\*\*
- *La Linea* by Ann Jaramillo\*\*
- *Out of Nowhere* by Maria Padian\*\*
- *The Radius Of Us* by Marie Marquardt\*\*
- *You Bring The Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins\*\*

##### Non-Fiction Texts with Aligned Themes and Topics

- *Call Me American* by Abdi Nor Iftan
- *The Devil's Highway* by Luis Urrea
- *World of Our Fathers* by Irving Howe
- *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario
- *Denied, Detained, Deported: The Dark Side of American Immigration* by Ann Bausum
- *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande
- *This Land is Our Land* by Linda Barrett Osborne
- *Someone Like Me: How One Undocumented Girl Fought For Her American Dream* by Julissa Arce
- *Something In Between* by Melissa De La Cruz

\* below grade level

\*\* at/above grade level