



## 2016-17 SSYRA Grades 6-8 First Lines of the Books

Use these first lines as a fun trivia game with the students!

### **All Fall Down**

“When I was twelve I broke my leg jumping off the wall between Canada and Germany,’ I say, but the woman across from me doesn’t even blink.”

### **Bot Wars**

"My brother lost his leg because of the Deeta disease, but he tells everyone it happened during the Robot Wars even though his service only ran two months and he never left the Military Zone."

### **The Crossover**

“At the top of the key, I’m MOVING & GROOVING, POPping and *ROCKING*-- Why you BUMPING?”

### **Echo**

“Once, long before enchantment was eclipsed by doubt, an anxious and desperate king awaited the birth of his first child.”

### **Frenzy**

“Heath Lambert’s parents had been bitten and turned into zombies, and now it up to him to decide the method by which to destroy them--bashing their skulls in with a rock or chopping their heads off with the edge of a shovel. “

### **The Honest Truth**

“The mountain was calling me. I had to run away. I had to.”

### **Insignia**

“New Town, new casino--same old plan. Dusty Squanto Casino made it easy for Tom Raines, since he didn’t even have to pay his way into their virtual reality parlor.”

### **The Luck Uglies**

"Mum said the fiends usually came after midnight."

### **The Neptune Project**

“I wake to an urgent tap at my window.”

### **Nickel Bay Nick**

"Crash! From where I’m standing in the parking lot of the condemned Nickel Bay railroad station, I hear glass from the broken window shatter as it hits the concrete floor inside.”

**The Sinister Sweetness of Splendid Academy**

"When my mom was alive, she read me stories every night."

**The Summer I Saved the World in 65 Days**

"It starts with Mrs. Chung. And flowers. Marigolds."

**The Tapper Twins Go to War (With Each Other)**

"Wars are terrible things. I know this because I've read a lot of them on Wikipedia."

**Turn Left at the Cow**

"There were so many dead bodies stuffed into Gram's freezer chest that it was kind of like wandering through a cryonics lab.."

**The Worst Class Trip Ever**

"None of this stuff would have happened if I hadn't been sitting next to Matthew Diaz."