

2019 Summer Reading Assignment

It's summer! You made it! Head to Coney Island, spread your towel out on the sand, adjust your sunglasses...and pull out a good book. Summer is an opportunity to read an intriguing new work of fiction or a piece of non-fiction on a topic you want to explore. At least one. We hope you read more.

WHAT DO I DO OVER THE SUMMER?

- **Select a book that you haven't read before from the list.**
- **Be thoughtful about your selection.** Choose something of personal interest and something that will push you as a reader and thinker.
- After finishing the book, write a **two-page response: Briefly explain why you chose the book and then offer a well-developed response to what you read.** This might be a personal, creative or academic response—you decide. The important thing is that it demonstrates **the thinking that you did as a result of the reading.**
- Whatever you do, **do not summarize the book!**
- Have this assignment and the book that you read in class with you on **Friday, September 13th.**

HOW WILL WE USE THIS IN THE FALL?

Your thoughtful response to the book and your ability to discuss it in class will be one of the first impressions your English teacher will have of you next year. Come prepared to think, talk and possibly write about the book you read on **Friday, September 13th**. Your English teacher will provide more details in the first week of school.

EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT.

Good luck and enjoy your summer!

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Fiction Options & Nonfiction Options

9th Grade Reading List

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie

Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell

Funny Boy by Shyam Selvadurai

I am J by Cris Beam

Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

Sarah's Key by Tatiana De Rosnay

The Girl with the Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

A Study in Scarlet by Arthur Conan Doyle

A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

Adrift by Steven Callahan

Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's

M Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin

▪ *Freakonomics* by Stephen J. Dubner & Steven Levitt

▪ *History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage

Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's

Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa by Mark Mathabane

W Leonardo's Legacy: How Da Vinci Reimagined the World by Stefan Klein

▪ *Longitude* by Dava Sobel

▪ *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

Welcome to the Universe by Neil Degrasse Tyson

10th Grade Reading List

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon

Everything is Illuminated by Jonathan Safran Foer

Jubilee by Margaret Walker

Kindred by Octavia Butler

Native Speaker by Chang-Rae Lee

Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman

The Stranger by Albert Camus AND *The Meursault*

Investigation by Kamel Daoud

Long Way Home by Saroo Brierley

Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo

Gomorra: A Personal Journey into the Violent

International Empire of Naples' Organized Crime System by Roberto Saviano

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

Quiet: The Power of Introverts by Susan Cain

Science Fair Season: Twelve Kids, a Robot Named Scorch—And What it Takes to Win by Judy Dutton

Visions of Infinity: The Great Mathematical Problems by Ian Stewart

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11th Grade Reading List

Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

Evicted by Matthew Desmond

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the World by Benjamin Alire Saenz

Cat's Cradle by Kurt Vonnegut

Shelter by Jung Yun

Jubilee by Margaret Walker

Stories of Your Life by Ted Chiang

The Devil in Silver by Victor LaValle

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

Liberated Threads: A Black Girl's Love Letter to the Power of Fashion by Tanisha C. Ford

The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Ghettoside by Jill Leov

How Soccer Explains the World: an Unlikely Theory of Globalization by Franklin Foer

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

The Arm: Inside the Billion-Dollar Mystery of the Most Valuable Commodity in Sports by Jeff Passan

The Bad Feminist by Roxane Gay

The Men We Reaped by Jesmyn Ward

Time Travel: A History by James Gleick

Wild by Cheryl Strayed

12th Grade Reading List

2001: A Space Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke

Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides

White Teeth by Zadie Smith

Middlemarch by George Eliot

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Drifting House by Krys Lee

11/22/63 by Stephen King

All the President's Men by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein

Galileo's Daughter by Dava Sobel

In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the

Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick

Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder

Random Family by Adrian Nicole LeBlanc

Running with Scissors by Augusten Burroughs

Weapons of Math Destruction by Cathy O'Neill

Thick by Tressie McMillan Cottom