

10th grade Summer Reading selections:

Anderson, Laurie Halse – Speak

ISBN: 9780142414736

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Johnson, Angela – First Part Last

ISBN: 9780689849237

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

Joseph, Lynn – The Color of My Words

ISBN: 9780064472043

When life gets difficult for Ana Rosa, a twelve-year-old would-be writer living in a small village in the Dominican Republic, she can depend on her older brother to make her feel better – until the life-changing events on her thirteenth birthday.

Lubar, David – Sleeping Freshman Never Lie

ISBN: 9780142407806

While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.

Alexie, Sherman – Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

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11th grade Summer Reading selections:**Volponi, Paul – Black and White**

ISBN: 9780142406922

Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.

Plum-Ucci, Carol – The Body of Christopher Creed

ISBN: 9780786816415

When the town freak left after years of being bullied, a bad spirit remained that seemed to affect everyone in the community. Thus, when Torey Adams begins to delve into this mystery, he uncovers truths that may be simply too hard for him to handle.

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11th Grade Honors/AP Summer Reading Selections**11th Grade Honors:****Foster, Thomas C. – How to Read Literature like a Professor**

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11th Grade AP:**Truss, Lynne – Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Approach to Punctuation**

ISBN: 9781592402038

Lynne Truss, a self-proclaimed stickler, presents a humorous look at the history of punctuation, discussing the use and misuse of commas, apostrophes, semi-colons, and other punctuation marks.

Obama, Barack – Dreams from My Father

ISBN: 9781400082773

Barack Obama wrote this memoir over ten years ago before he became the junior U.S. Senator from Illinois. In candid detail, Obama shares his story of being raised by a white mother and grandparents in Hawaii while his father lived in Kenya.

Rodriguez, Richard – Hunger for Memory

ISBN: 9780553272932

This is the story of Mexican-American, Richard Rodriguez, a “minority student” who pays the cost of his social assimilation and academic success with a painful alienation — from his past, his parents, his culture — and so describes the high price of “making it” in middle-class America.

12th grade Summer Reading selections:**Werlin, Nancy – The Rules of Survival**

ISBN: 9780142410714

Narrated by 17-year-old Matt as a letter to his youngest sister, Emmy, *The Rules of Survival* is his effort to come to terms with the vicious treatment he and his two sisters suffered at the hands of Nikki, their beautiful and unpredictable mother.

Meyer, Stephenie – The Host

ISBN: 9780316034111

A member of a species that takes over the minds of human bodies, Wanderer is unable to disregard his host's love for a man in hiding, a situation that forces both possessor and host to become unwilling allies.

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12th Grade AP:**Melville, Herman – Bartleby, the Scrivener**

ISBN: 9780895986832

Bartleby is a hardworking legal copyist who one day declines the assignment his employer gives him with the inscrutable "I would prefer not." The utterance of this remark sets off a confounding set of actions and behavior, making the unsettling character of Bartleby one of Melville's most enigmatic and unforgettable creations.

Obrien, Tim – The Things They Carried

ISBN: 9780618706419

This book depicts the men of Alpha Company, including the character Tim O'Brien, who has survived his tour in Vietnam to become a father and writer at the age of forty-three. It is a groundbreaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling.

O'Connor, Flannery – A Good Man is Hard to Find

ISBN: 9780156364652

This collection established O'Connor's reputation as one of the American masters of the short story. The volume contains the celebrated title story, a tale of the murderous fugitive "The Misfit," as well as "The Displaced Person" and eight other stories.

Sartre, Jean-Paul – The Wall

ISBN: 9780811201902

In the five stories included in this collection, the French master of Existentialism displays his powers of narrative and psychological insight at their most effective. Sartre's characters and situations mirror the conflicts, complexities, and neuroses of the twentieth century.