

Summer Assignment for students starting 10th Grade English in the Fall

THE WHY: Not only is reading essential to your success throughout the academic year, but it is also crucial to your ongoing learning over the summer. Research shows that students who read consistently enjoy better retention of content as well as higher writing skills and increased preparation for the upcoming school year. Read more about that here

(<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.htm#bibliography>)

THE WHAT: Over the summer, you are expected to read 4-8 books that you have *not previously read*. There is a list of titles provided for this purpose. If you would like to pursue interests other than these, we are proud of you for that! Please make sure that your selections are appropriate for discussion in school.

THE HOW: First and foremost, read attentively. It would be wise to record your thoughts in an informal way as you read so that you are well prepared to respond in a way that reflects your abilities as a reader and writer. When you have finished each book, answer each of the following questions with a quote from the text:

- What is the setting like?
- What conflicts do the characters face?
- What do you think the author is saying about the world in this text?

THE WHEN: This assignment will be collected during the first week of school.

Please come prepared with your assignment on that day. As you read the books you selected, compose a response detailing what these titles have in common. Below is a suggested format for this work.

Title	What is the setting like?	What conflicts do the characters face?	What do you think the author is saying about the world in this text?	Use this column to discuss any commonalities you see between two or more of these texts (How are their settings, conflicts, or messages similar?)

The librarian can be your best resource toward finding books you like. Feel free to choose your own books. Make sure that they are appropriate, in terms of language and content, for school.

The New York Public Library has a great book list that you can find here

<http://www.nypl.org/events/summer/reading-challenge/book-list-6>

The Brooklyn Library has a great book list that you can find here

<http://www.bklynlibrary.org/sites/default/files/files/pdf/summerreading/SR%2016%20Teen%20booklist.pdf>

The New York City Department of Education has a list you can find here

http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/548BD61A-0C8C-41EE-ADA1-C1FF47EFE06F/0/365ReadingList_Grade910_WEB_Inside_v2.pdf

You also might want to use this **database** <http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/> and/or

There is no “BEST” list. The “BEST” list is the list that you use to help you to find a book you actually read. You have options but do not get stuck on which option you choose. JUST READ! Choose from any list, mix, match, or find books on your own.

We are sharing a list below that you can use as well.

A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Feed
Go Ask Alice
Tuesdays with Morrie
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian
War Dances
In the Time of Butterflies
Speak, Wintergirls, Twiste
Thirteen Reasons Why
Foundation
I, Robot
A Long Way Gone
City of Thieves
Fahrenheit 451
Upstate
Ender's Game
Perks of Being a Wallflower
The House on Mango Street
Stolen
Mortal Instruments Series

Douglass Adams
Matthew Tobin Anderson
Anonymous
Mitch Albom
Sherman Alexie
Sherman Alexie
Julia Alvarez
Laurie Halse Anderson
Jay Asher
Isaac Asimov
Isaac Asimov
Ishmael Beah
David Benioff
Ray Bradbury
Kalisha Buckhanon
Orson Scott Card
Stephen Chbosky
Sandra Cisneros
Lucy Christopher
Cassandra Clare

2001
Childhood's End
Shelter Series
The Hunger Games Series
Whale Talk
Krik Krak
I Will Save You
Stranger with My Face
Like Water For Chocolate
4,000 Days: My Life and Survival in a Bangkok Prison
Anansi Boys
A Hole in My Life
The Fault In Our Stars, Looking for Alaska, and Paper Towns
Bleachers
Dune
The Outsiders
Crank
Seabiscuit: An American Legend
Kite Runner
The Secret Life of Bees
I'll Give You the Sun
Twelve Years a Slave
To Kill a Mockingbird
We Were Liars
A Night to Remember
Life of Pi
A Member of the Wedding
Monster
The Sound of Waves
Black Girl White Girl
My Sister's Keeper, The Pact, and Vanishing Acts
Thinner Than Thou
127 Hours
The Upstairs Room
Crazy Loco: Stories
Divergent Series
Eleanor and Park
The Lovely Bones
Of Mice and Men
Joy Luck Club
Lord of the Rings
The Glass Castle
Night
American Born Chinese
Chinese Cinderella
The Book Thief

Arthur C. Clarke
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Harlan Coben
Suzanne Collins
Chris. Crutcher
Edwidge Danicet
Matt de la Pena
Lois Duncan
Laura Esquivel
Warren Fellows
Neil Gaiman
Jack Gantos
John Greene
John Grisham
Frank Herbert
S. E. Hinton
Ellen Hopkins
Laura Hillenbrand
Khaled Hosseini
Sue Monk Kidd
Jandy Nelson
Solomon Northup
Harper Lee
E. Lockhart
Walter Lord
Yann Martel
Carson McCullers
Walter Dean Myers
Yukio Mishima
Joyce Carol Oates
Jodi Picoult
Kit Reed
Aron Ralston
Johanna Reiss
David Rice
Veronica Roth
Rainbow Rowell
Alice Sebold
John Steinbeck
Amy Tan
J. R. R. Tolkein
Jeanette Walls
Elie Weisel
Gene Luen Yang
Adeline Yen Mah
Markus Zusak