

## Summer Assignment for students starting 10<sup>th</sup> 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](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  
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Julia Alvarez  
Laurie Halse Anderson  
Jay Asher  
Isaac Asimov  
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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