



**DEPAUL COLLEGE PREP**  
FR. GORDON CAMPUS

**English Summer Reading Guide:**  
**English III - Incoming Juniors**

***Note: Juniors taking AP Language or IB Literature do not complete this summer reading. Refer to the AP or IB summer assignment.***

**Instructions:**

- Choose ONE book from the list below, and read it before the first day of school.
- While reading your chosen book, use the questions below to guide your thinking and understanding of the text.
- We encourage you to annotate the text, using the questions as guidance. Doing this while reading is the best way to think deeply about the questions and engage with the text.
- On one of the first days of school, you will write an in-class essay related to one of the questions listed below. You will be allowed to use your book and any annotations to help you with the essay.

**List of Book Choices (physical book or iBook):**

- *Give Me Some Truth* by Eric Gansworth
- *The Place Between Breaths* by An Na
- *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi

**Questions to Guide Reading and Annotating:**

**Character**

- How do complexities in the protagonist's character affect the conflict of the book?
- Does the protagonist conform to or rebel against the society in which they live?

**Author's Choices - Literary Elements**

- How does the point of view ( first person, third person limited, third person omniscient) affect how the story is told?
- How do the patterns of words, symbols, and ideas contribute to the story's meaning?