

## Social Justice and Literature Summer Reading Assignment



### The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.

But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.

As you read the novel, **keep a list of questions or observations that you'd like to to consider in class** and annotate the text for the following issues:

- double consciousness, code-switching, living multiple identities
- forms of activism and resistance
- white perceptions of and reactions to racial violence and resistance
- the complexities of gang culture