



## Upper School Summer Reading

Dear RCDS Student,

Below is required reading by grade. We suggest that you read your required book during the second half of the summer, in order for it to be fresh in your mind when you start school. Please be prepared: within the first few days of your return to school, your English teacher will assess your work.

### Required Summer Reading:

- Grade 9: *House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros\*
- Grade 10 (Regular and Honors): *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines
- AP Language (Grade 11): *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
- AP Literature (Grade 12): *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- Honors English Seminars (Grades 11 & 12): *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson and *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward

Of course, we encourage you to read beyond the recommended reading. Read books that engage your passions or show new worlds to you. From graphic novels to door-stopping multigenerational family sagas, all reading is good reading! If you're stuck and need some great additional summer reads, check out this list:

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/lists/summer-reading-list>.

Happy Reading!

The RCDS English Department

\*Please see additional details of the English 9 summer reading assignment posted on the Summer Reading page.