

Summer Reading
English II World Literature
The Hate U Give

2017 Coretta Scott King Honor Book
Printz Honor Book
Morris Award Winner
National Book Award Longlist



"This story is necessary. This story is important." —Kirkus Reviews

"Heartbreakingly topical." —Publishers Weekly

"A marvel of verisimilitude." —Booklist

Course Information

Welcome to English II! Over the course of sophomore year we will examine the theme: *The Stories We Tell*. As you read from a variety of selected texts, you will be asked to analyze the stories shared about and between characters and to question how a character's sense of self impacts their understanding of the world around them. Carefully consider the roles that stories of individuals or groups of people play in influencing cultural identity.

About the Book

Publisher's description:

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.

The author:

Angie Thomas was born, raised, and still resides in Jackson, Mississippi as indicated by her accent. She is a former teen rapper whose greatest accomplishment was an article about her in *Right-On Magazine* with a picture included. She holds a BFA in Creative Writing from Belhaven University and an unofficial degree in Hip Hop. She can also still rap if needed. She is an inaugural winner of the Walter Dean Myers Grant 2015, awarded by We Need Diverse Books. Her award-winning, acclaimed debut novel, *The Hate U Give*, is a #1 *New York Times* bestseller and major motion picture from Fox 2000, starring Amandla Stenberg and directed by George Tillman, Jr. Her second novel, *On the Come Up*, is on sale now.



Thomas discusses her inspiration for the novel [here](#).

Your task:

Actively read and annotate the novel: underline, circle, highlight, and note important lines, passages and details in Thomas' work. Take notes in the margins in which you consider conflict, characterization, and how Starr's path to finding her voice fits into our yearly storytelling theme. You will be asked to write a short, well-organized and supported response to the novel during the first days of school.