



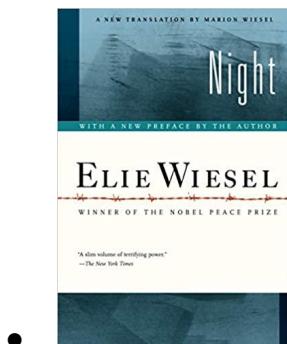
## 10th Grade Summer Reading:

### 1. Mandatory: Read *Night* by Elie Wiesel and complete assignment

*Night* is an autobiographical narrative of Elie Wiesel's experiences between 1941 and 1945, during World War II. The book opens in 1941 in his hometown of Sighet, a small isolated community tucked away in the mountains of Transylvania, then under Hungarian rule. Elie, the narrator, begins with a description of Jewish life in the town. He also draws a vivid picture of himself and his family. He focuses in particular on his fascination with his religion, particularly the mystical aspects of his faith. Additionally, the memoir describes Wiesel's state of mind during and after the Holocaust.

#### Assignment:

- Read the entire novel
- Keep track of characters, events, themes and motifs = **ANNOTATE**
- Submit answers by the first day of school, 8:00 AM
- Please buy this version:



**Choose ONE:**

*The Hate U 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.

**OR**

*The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch

*The Last Lecture* is a memoir, a celebration of life, and a testament to the power of childhood dreams. But it is also, perhaps most of all, a book of lessons. The book is filled with all the ideas and observations that Randy Pausch wanted to share with his three young children. Pausch was an influential professor at the prestigious Carnegie Mellon University who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in July of 2008. Interestingly, his book is not about dying, but about overcoming obstacles enabling the dreams of others, and seizing every moment.

**OR**

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

Paulo Coelho's masterpiece tells the mystical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure. His quest will lead him to riches far different—and far more satisfying—than he ever imagined. Santiago's journey teaches us about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, of recognizing opportunity and learning to read the omens strewn along life's path, and, most importantly, to follow our dreams.

Assignment:

- Read the entire novel
- Annotate, take notes, use post-its.
- Identify lessons being taught, motif, theme, and supportive quotes
- Be ready for an essay on the second day of school
- You may use any **printed out/ hand written notes and the novel** for the essay

Have a WONDERFUL summer and READ!!

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