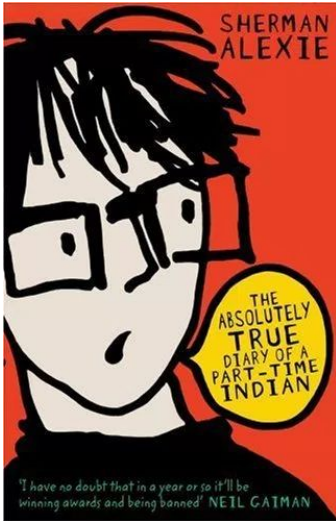


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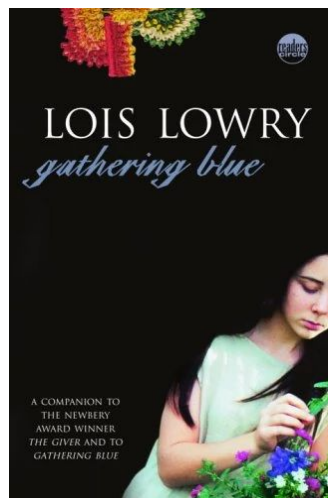
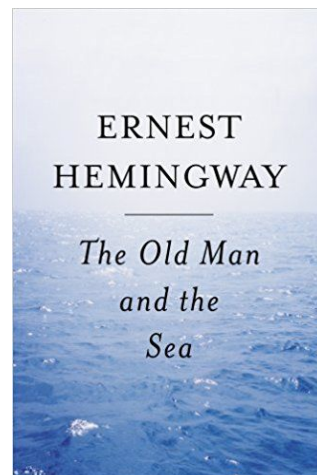
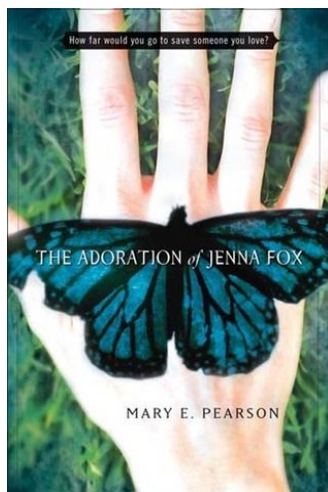
Welcome Wildcat Class of 2022!

Each summer, all Wego students participate in summer reading. This year, incoming ninth graders have six books on the summer reading list. Your job is to preview these titles. Then, choose and read ONE book before we start school in August. You will be assessed on your reading.



Choose one:

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Sherman Alexie
The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson
Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
Rash by Pete Hautman



All of these books have a few things in common.

- 1.) These stories are all young adult novels that feature a main character that is coming of age or beginning to mature.
- 2.) A main character changes as a result of a journey that is real or symbolic.
- 3.) The hero fights battles with the aid of helpers and weapons that are literal or symbolic.
- 4.) Each book has a message or theme about coming of age, friendship, loss, or other key ideas.

This summer, spend a few hours reading one of these books for pleasure - for fun. You'll want to get to know the characters and know the plot, but you'll also want to think about how these characters are like you.

What have these characters learned that you have already learned? What have these characters learned that you have not yet discovered?

Enjoy your summer. Enjoy your summer reading! Please make reading a daily part of your summer. This can include books from the summer reading list, your local library, online sources, etc. All reading is good reading.

If you have any questions, contact language arts division chair, Mary Howard, at mhoward@d94.org.

Incoming freshmen who are enrolled in English 1 Honors have additional summer reading requirements.

In addition to reading one of the novels on the ninth grade summer reading list, English 1 Honors students are expected to complete additional summer work that is detailed below.

If you have questions *during the summer*, please feel free to send an email to the English 1 Honors team of teachers at english1honors@d94.org. Since it will be during the summer months, please anticipate a delayed response. As mentioned above, another resource at any time is to email Mary Howard, the language arts division chair, at mhoward@d94.org at any time.

English 1 Honors Students,

Complete this reading before the first day of class on August 15th. All of the materials are available on the language arts website, XXX. Directions for each passage are included.

- 1.) One book from the ninth grade list (read and enjoy like a magazine or beach read)
- 2.) “How to Mark a Book” (article) by Mortimer Adler **available on the language arts website**
- 3.) The myth of “Narcissus” **available on the language arts website**
- 4.) The Prologue from *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho **available on the language arts website**
- 5.) Chapter 1 from *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, “Every Trip is a Quest” by Thomas Foster **available on the language arts website**
- 6.) Chapter 1 from *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Carol Dweck **available on the language arts website**
- 7.) *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho (ISBN 978-0-06-231500-7 preferred)

Congratulations on your impending graduation! We can’t wait to welcome you as official Wego Wildcats! Start the school year well by spending the summer reading.