

English 10 Summer Reading

Hello Rising 10th Graders!

Your tenth-grade English teachers are looking forward to meeting you this coming fall. Until then, we wanted to provide you with an opportunity to kickstart your engagement with literature through a bit of summer reading. Choose and read one of the books from the attached list.

But how should you pick a book?



- **Choose books you find appealing:** There is no greater misery than plowing through a book you don't like.
- **Give it a chance:** Read at least a quarter of the book before you decide it's not for you. If after a quarter you're just not into it or it feels too tough to understand, you can abandon it!
- **Annotate:** Take super short notes on the things you notice, on the connections to yourself or to other things you've experienced, or on things that resonate with you emotionally.
- **Think about mirrors and windows:** Books are both mirrors and windows. Mirrors are what we can see our reflection in and be reminded that our own lives matter. Windows give us a glimpse into someone else's existence. Perhaps push yourself a little bit to read both a mirror and a window.
- **Read GoodReads.com:** Check out book suggestions from people your age.
- **Use the Library as a Resource:** [Sora](#), [Maret Library Site](#)

You will share insights from your summer reading with your classmates during the first week of school. Once again, we are excited to meet you and hear about the literature you explored!

-The Maret Tenth Grade English Team

Contemporary Literature

This Time Will Be Different by Misa Sugiura

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

Juliet Takes a Breath by Gabby Rivera

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz

Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay

Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu

All Over Creation: A Novel by Ruth Ozeki

The Other Americans by Laila Lalami

Homeland Elegies by Ayad Akhtar

A Place For Us by Fatima Mirza

We the Animals by Justin Torres

The Only Good Indian by Stephen Graham Jones

Caucasia: A Novel by Danzy Senna

Young Adult Series

Divergent Series by Veronica Roth

The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott

Famous Literature

The Chosen by Chaim Potok

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Call of the Wild and *White Fang* by Jack London

Beloved by Toni Morrison

As I Lay Dying William Faulkner

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin

Goodbye Columbus by Philip Roth

Plays

The Crucible or *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller

Fiddler on the Roof by Joseph Stein

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams

Trifles by Susan Glaspell

Fences or *The Piano Lesson* by August Wilson

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

Graphic Novels

American Born Chinese by Gene Luang Yang

Maus I &/or II by Art Spiegelman

Heartstopper by Alice Oseman

On a Sunbeam by Tillie Walden

Non-Fiction

Why Does the Caged Bird Sing by Maya Angelou

A Brief History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson

Guns, Germs, and Steel by Jared Diamond

Into Thin Air and *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

The Greatest Show on Earth by Richard Dawkins