



Unionville High School Grade 9 Summer Reading

Please read your specific class's assignment. There are three levels of English: First Level, Academic, and Honors. Each academic level has distinctive reading and grammatical requirements.

First-Level: Select ONE book from the first or second page of book recommendations.

Academic: You are tasked with talking to a guardian, trusted adult, or parent to select your ONE summer reading book. This adult/parent will recommend a book that they enjoyed and fueled their love of reading—something they loved in high school or after! With their guidance and oversight, you will read this book and know it well.

If you are struggling to find a suitable choice, please see the next two pages for a list of suggestions. You may instead pick ONE book from that list.

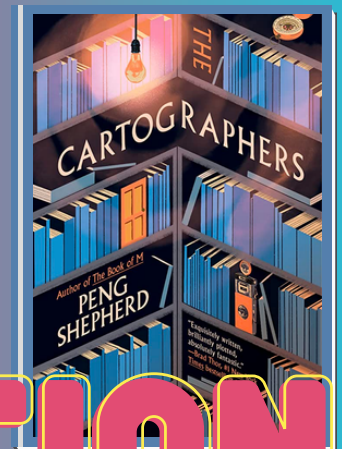
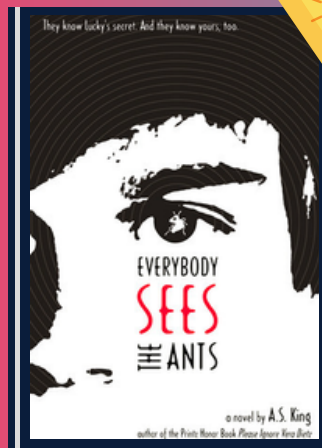
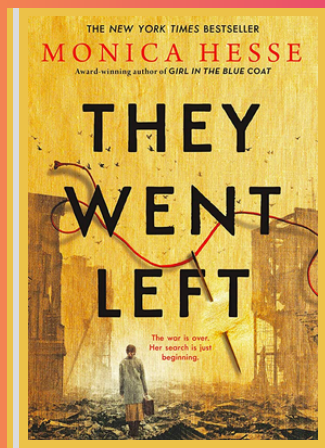
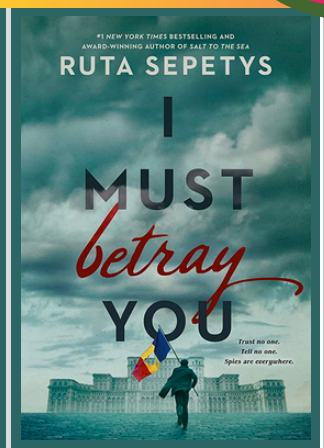
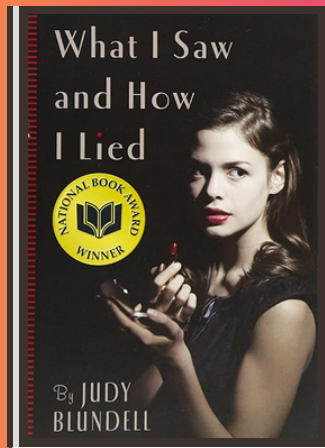
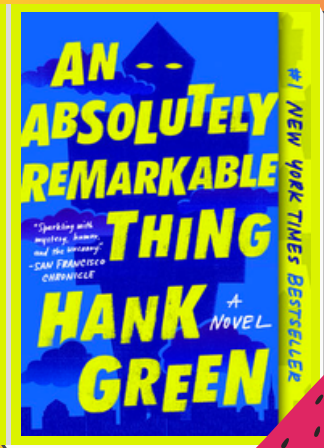
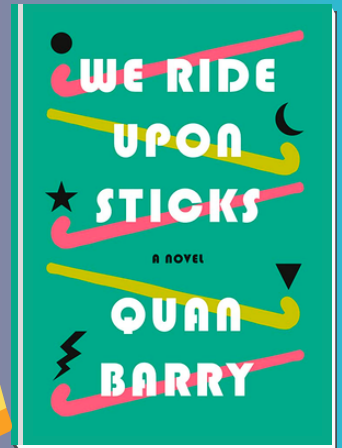
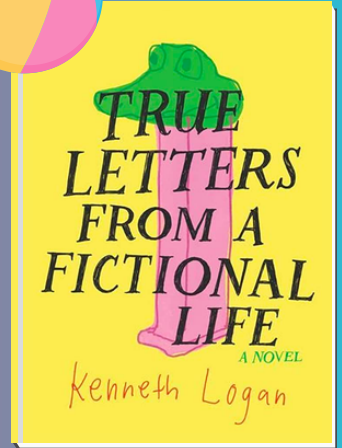
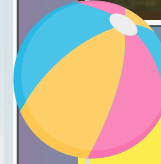
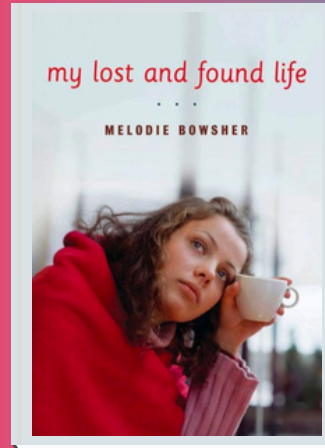
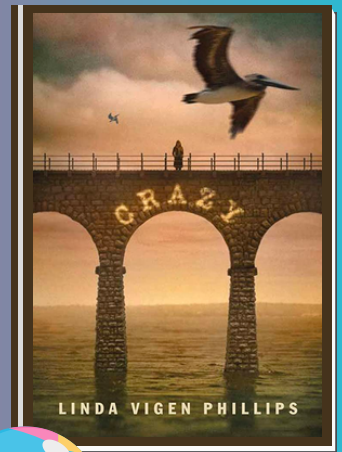
9 Honors: Read TWO books from the lists below: one fiction and one memoir/ non-fiction.

(CLICK ON EACH BOOK TO GO TO THE AMAZON LINK!)

These books all center on stories about people coming of age: Some are fiction, some non-fiction. Some are written in verse and some as graphic novels. Before choosing books, click the links to read summaries and reviews, choosing one of interest that your family is also comfortable with.

Make sure you actively read the books and come the first week of school, prepared for activities, projects, and writing prompts about the books. Understand the plot, but also look for these literary elements: conflict, characterization, point of view, setting, imagery, symbols, mood/tone, themes. While reading, make both literary and personal connections to the texts.

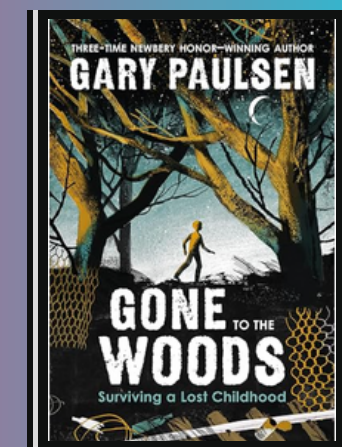
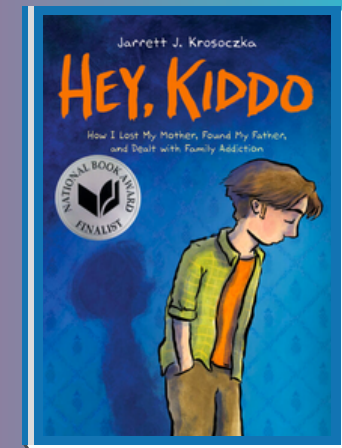
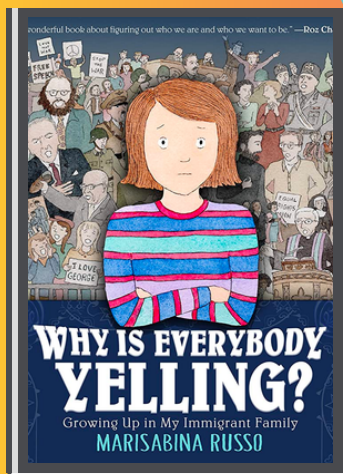
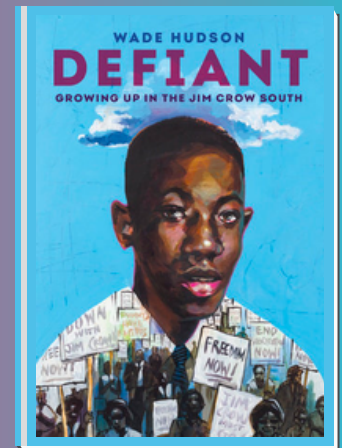
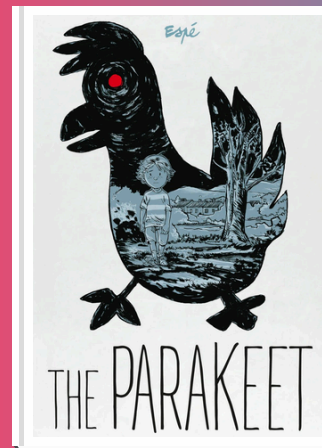
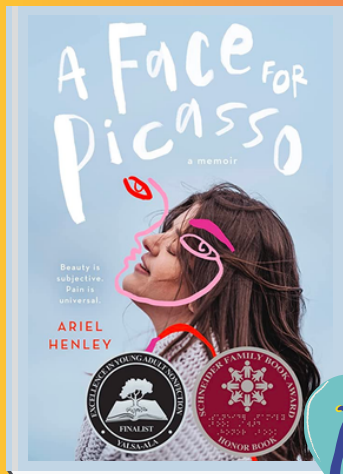
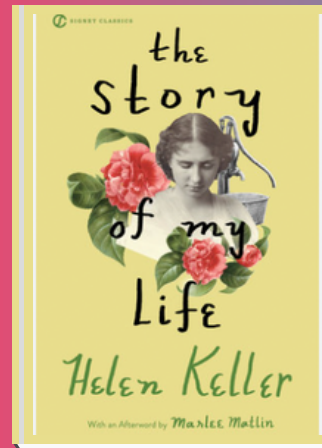
The real-life subject matter in some popular literature can cover mature and sensitive topics. Often these books can be some of the first encounters a teenager has with difficult subject matter—and these books can feed the natural curiosity of a high school student in a healthy way. Please discuss these choices with your family.



FICTION

Grammar and MLA: It is expected that all students entering 9th Grade English are proficient in the mechanics of defining and identifying the eight parts of speech (nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, interjections, conjunctions, verbs—active & linking, and prepositions), understanding the construct of a complete sentence, properly using contractions, and using MLA format with parenthetical references. The following websites may be used to support these conventions. Click the links below:

[Purdue OWL - Grammar Bytes](#) - [Grammar Monster](#)



MEMOIR & NON-FICTION