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Dear tenth grade honors English student:

As an incoming English 2 Honors student, your summer reading assignment is to read the #1 New York Times bestseller ***Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood***, by Trevor Noah.

In his memoir**,** Noah recounts unique personal challenges and adversity, and the abundant humor and love that shaped him into the person he is today. Noah's sharp wit and clever writing voice will not only entertain you, but will teach you about culture, identity, and our ever-changing world.

We encourage you to read **closely by keeping track of your favorite parts of the memoir, such as the moments and pages that stood out to you the most while reading. In September, we will ask you to share your notes and observations and apply your understanding of the book through class activities and a multiple-choice assessment on the book during the first two weeks of school.**

For your summer reading assignment, it is important to submit only original work to maintain academic integrity and foster genuine learning. This allows you to truly showcase your unique ideas and creativity and gives your new teacher an opportunity to get to know you and your voice. Embracing your own voice not only strengthens your skills but also makes your learning experience more rewarding and enjoyable.

We hope you enjoy this reading experience as we are excited to discuss this book with you in September. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to meeting you in the fall!

Note**: **Born a Crime is available as a **free eBook through the Sora app** on the WPHS library web page. To access the Sora app, visit our library's website & log into Sora with your WP username and password: http://wphslibrary.libguides.com/c.php?g=154422

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