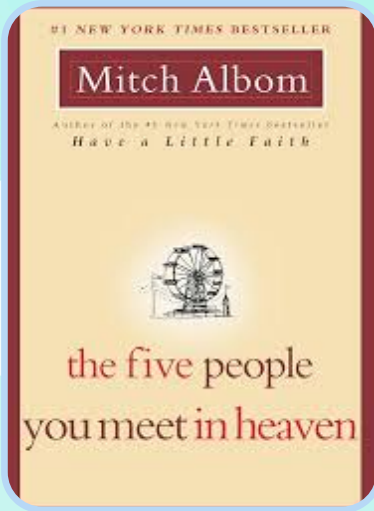


9th Grade Summer Reading

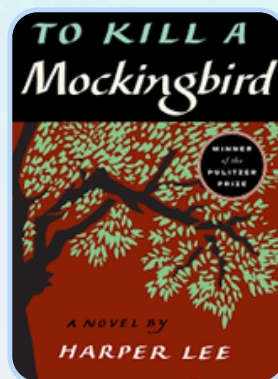
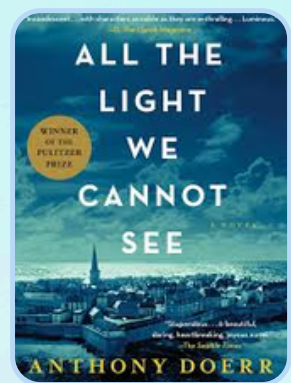
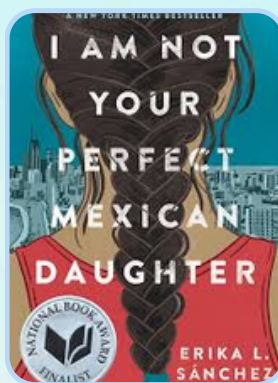
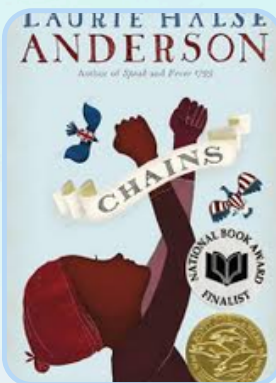
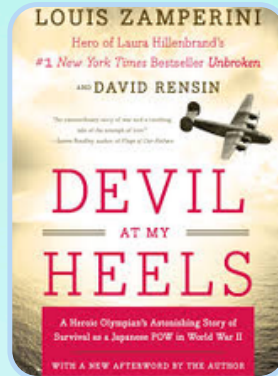
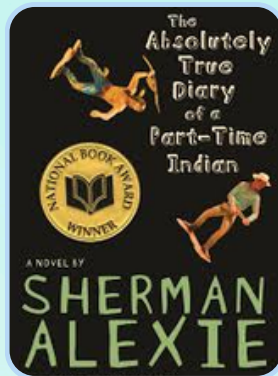
All 9th grade students must read:



In *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom, an old man named Eddie dies and wakes up in heaven, where he meets five people who help him understand his life. Each person shows him how even small actions had a big impact on others. It's a story about finding meaning, forgiveness, and how everyone's life matters—even when it doesn't feel like it.

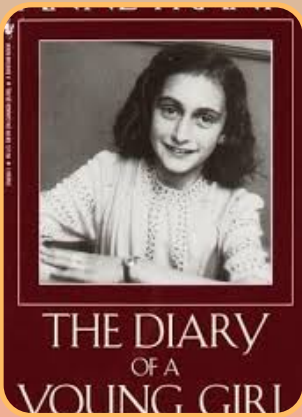
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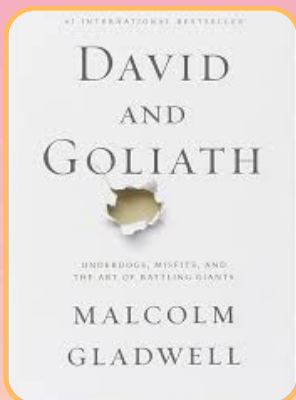
10th Grade
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SUMMER READING

Students must read:



In *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*, Anne Frank writes about her life while hiding from the Nazis during World War II. Through her diary, readers see her fears, hopes, and everyday struggles while living in a small hidden space with her family. The book is a powerful true story about courage, hope, and the impact of war on ordinary people.

Optional: If you enjoyed reading your two choices from the lists, consider engaging in this additional non-fiction text that highlights this year's course themes with real-life examples:



In *David and Goliath*, Malcolm Gladwell tells true stories about people who seem weak or outmatched but find surprising ways to win. He explains how disadvantages—like having a learning disability or facing tough times—can actually make people stronger. The book shows that being an underdog can sometimes be your biggest strength.

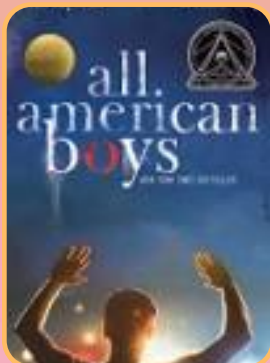
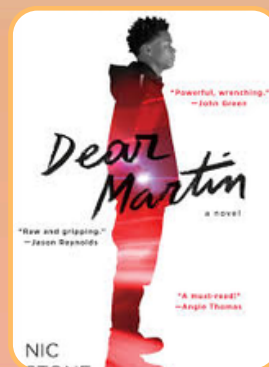
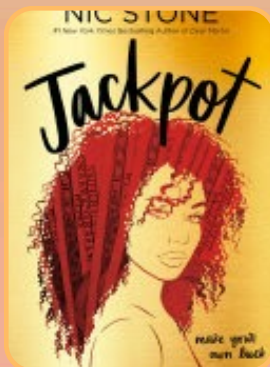
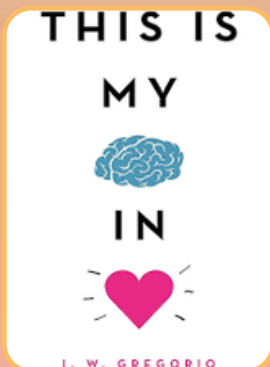
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10th Grade Embedded Honors SUMMER READING

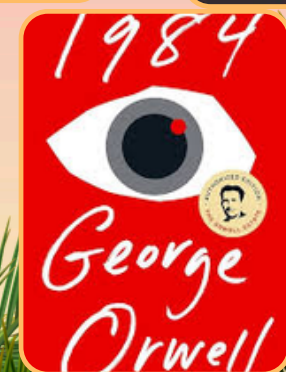
Choose **one** book from either the teacher **or** student recommendations:

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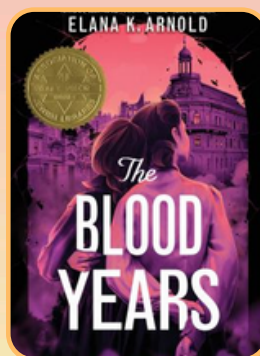
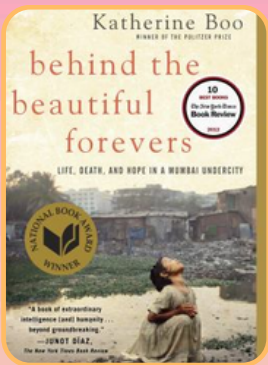
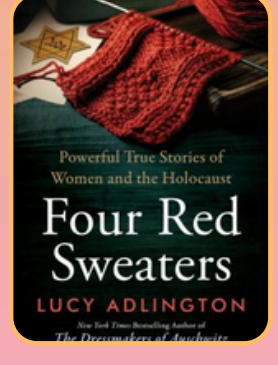
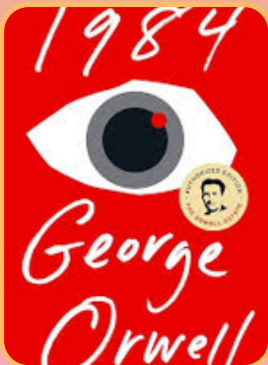
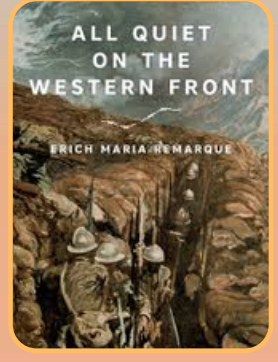
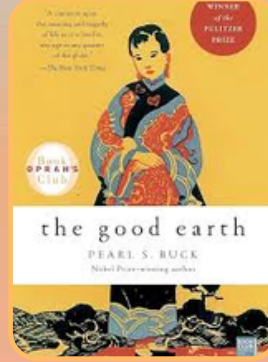


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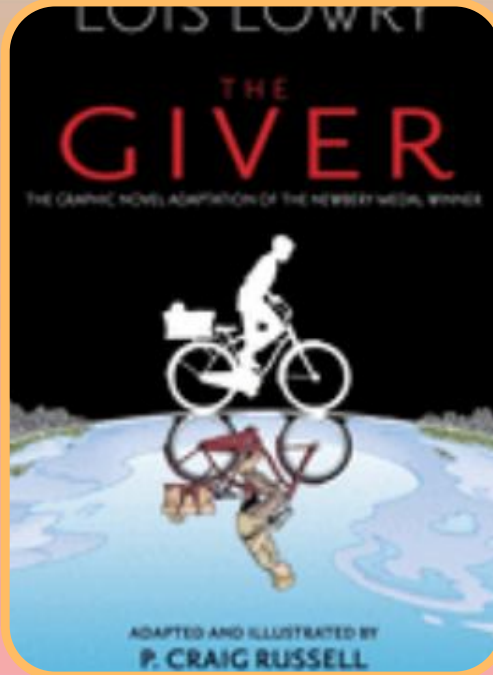
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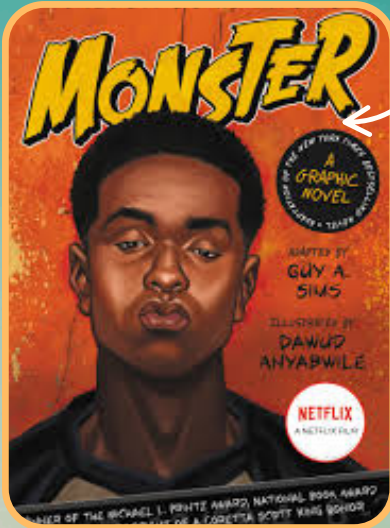
In *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, a boy named Jonas lives in a perfect-looking community where everyone follows strict rules and no one feels real pain. When he is chosen to learn the community's hidden secrets, he discovers that his world is not as safe or fair as it seems. The story is about freedom, emotions, and the importance of making your own choices.

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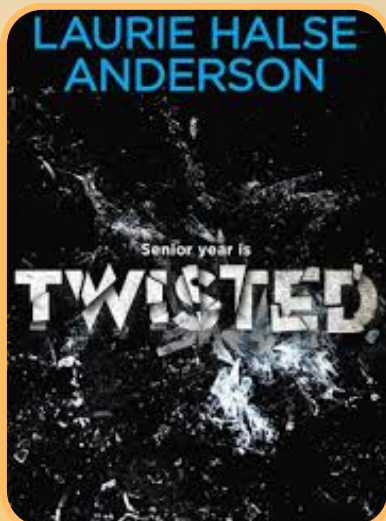
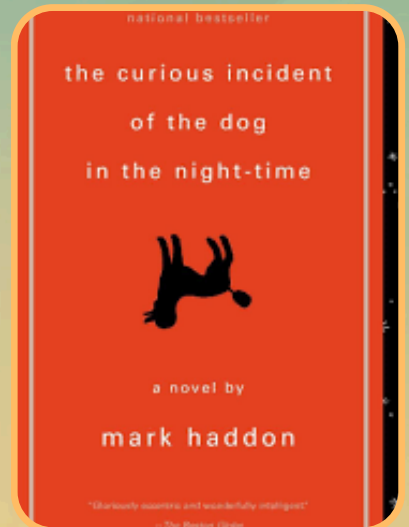
Students must read **one** of the following:

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In *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers, a teenager named Steve is on trial for a crime he may not have committed. He tells his story like a movie script, showing how scared and confused he feels. The book explores what it means to be guilty, innocent, and how others see you.

In *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, a boy named Christopher finds a dead dog and tries to solve the mystery of who killed it. As he investigates, he uncovers surprising secrets about his own family. The story is told through Christopher's unique point of view, helping readers see the world in a different way.



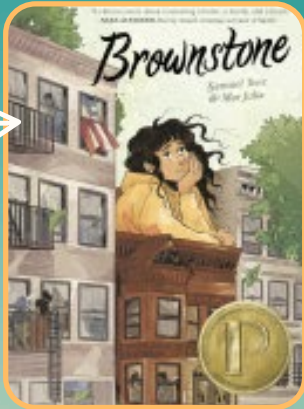
In *Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson, a high school student named Tyler gets in trouble and tries to change his bad-boy image. But things get worse when he's blamed for something he didn't do, and no one believes him. The story is about pressure, choices, and finding the strength to speak up for yourself.

11th Grade Regents

Summer Reading

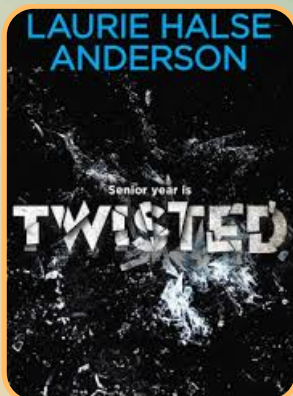
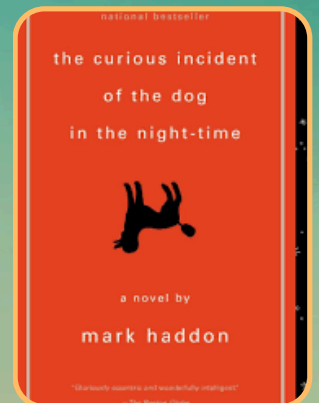
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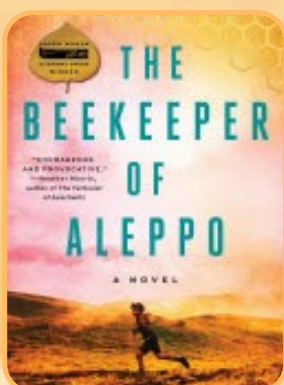
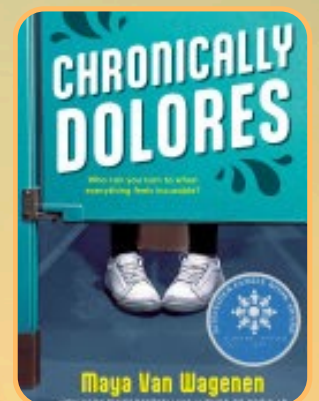
Brownstone is a vivid, sweeping, ultimately hopeful story about navigating your heritage even when you feel like you don't quite fit in.

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In *Chronically Dolores*, Dolores deals with chronic pain, friendship drama, and family struggles. She tries to hide how much she's hurting but learns she has to speak up and be honest. The story is about being strong, asking for help, and finding your voice even when life feels unfair.



In *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*, Nuri and his wife Afra must flee their home in Syria after a war destroys their lives. As they travel to a safer place, they face danger, loss, and sadness—but also moments of hope. The story shows the strength of love, family, and starting over after tragedy.

IB English Year 1 Summer Reading

Students must view the required documentary *Blackfish*:

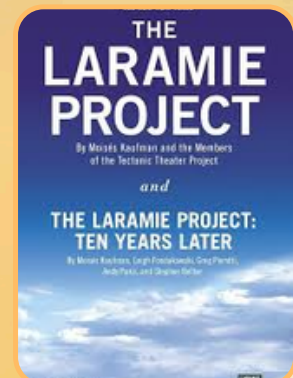
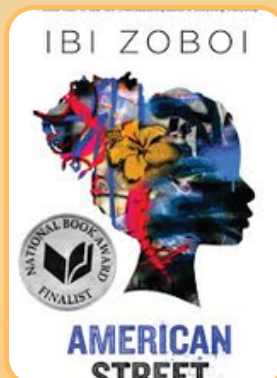
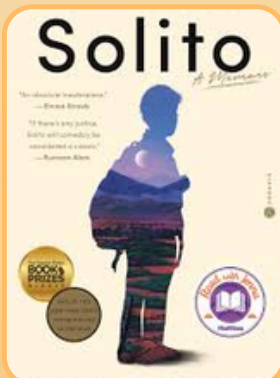
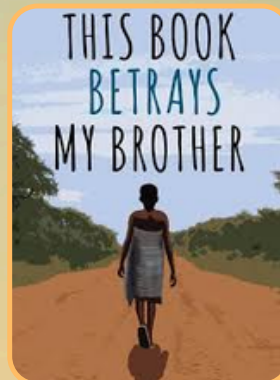
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Blackfish is a documentary about a killer whale named Tilikum who lived in a marine park and hurt several people. It shows how keeping whales in small tanks can make them sad, stressed, and dangerous. The film makes people think about whether animals should live in captivity for entertainment.

Students must choose one text below to read and take notes on:

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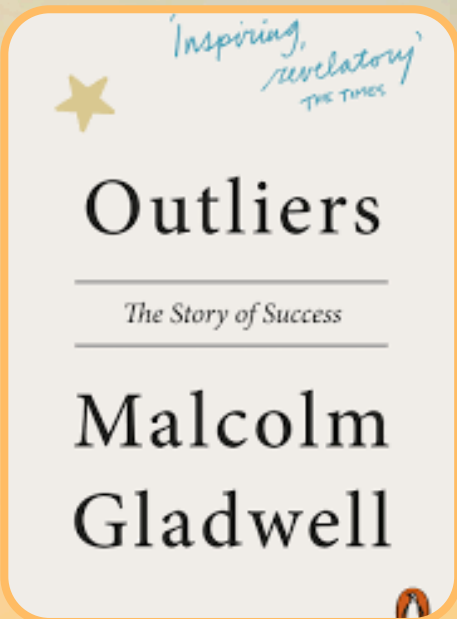
Summer Reading

Students should read the following two texts:



In *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, a group of boys gets stranded on a deserted island with no adults. At first, they try to work together, but things quickly fall apart as fear and power struggles take over. The story shows how people can lose control without rules and how quickly things can turn wild.

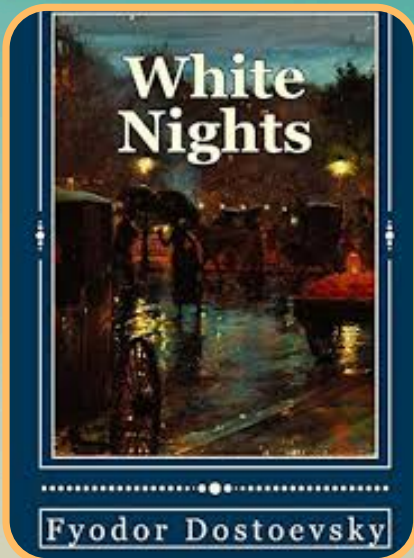
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In *Outliers*, Malcolm Gladwell explores why some people become super successful. He explains that success isn't just about being smart—it also depends on things like where you're from, how you were raised, and even lucky timing. The book shows that hidden advantages and hard work both play a big part in reaching the top.

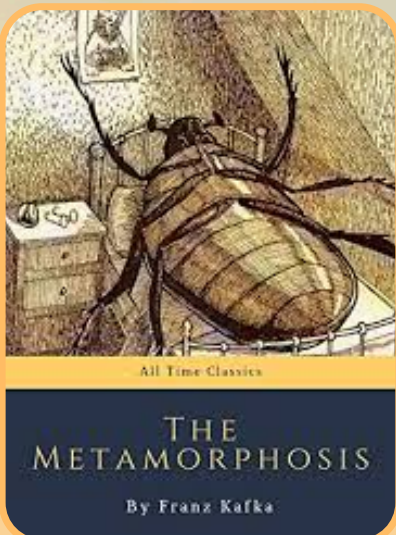
Summer Reading

Students must read the following **two** texts:



In *White Nights* by Fyodor Dostoevsky, a lonely young man meets a girl named Nastenka during a series of late-night walks in the city. As they share their dreams and worries, he quickly falls in love with her. The story is about loneliness, hope, and the sadness that can come with loving someone who may not love you back.

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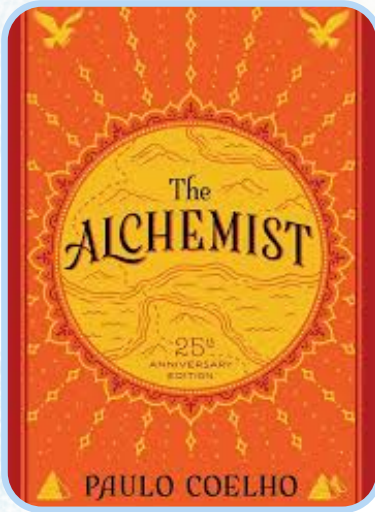


In *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka, a man named Gregor Samsa wakes up one morning transformed into a giant bug. As he struggles to adjust, his family begins to treat him like a burden instead of a person. The story explores isolation, family pressure, and what it means to be human.

Search for
Self

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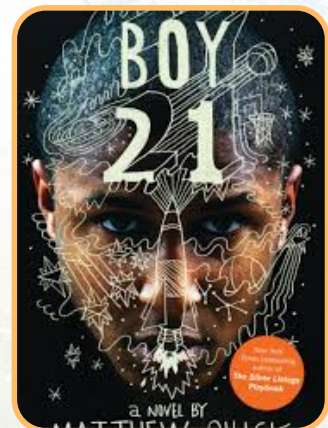
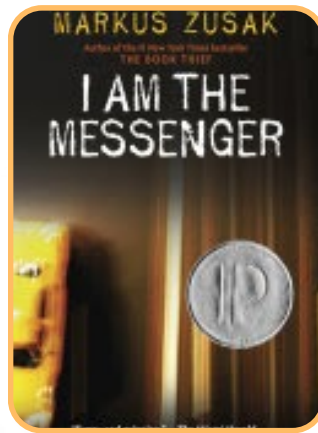
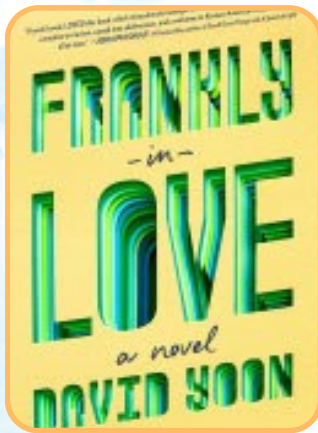
Students must read *The Alchemist*:



In *The Alchemist*, Paulo Coelho tells the story of a young shepherd named Santiago who goes on a journey to find treasure. Along the way, he learns that chasing your dreams is about more than just reaching a goal—it's about growing as a person and listening to your heart. The book shows that when you truly follow your purpose, the universe helps you get where you're meant to be.

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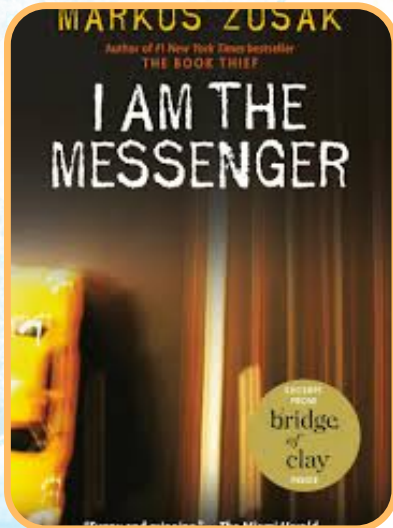


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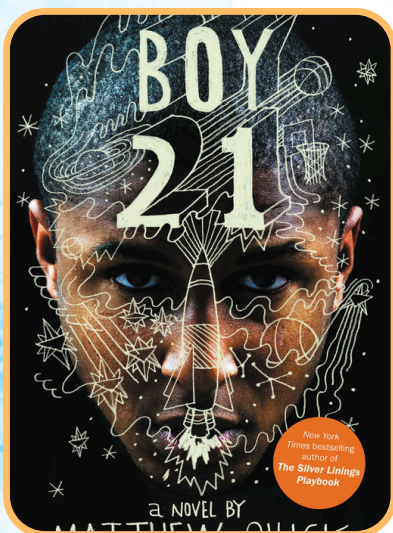
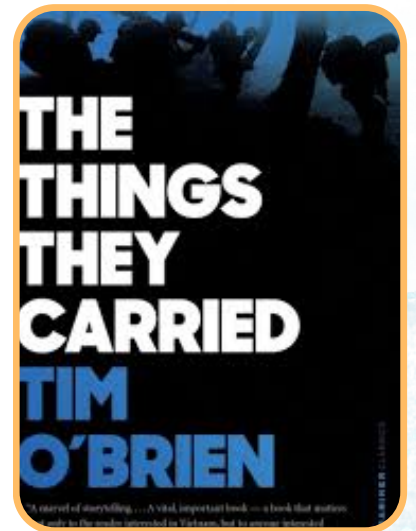
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In *The Messenger* by Markus Zusak, Matty lives in a peaceful village that starts to change in dangerous ways. He discovers he has a special power that might help save his home and the people he loves. The story is about bravery, change, and the importance of helping others.

In *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien, a group of American soldiers fight in the Vietnam War while carrying both physical gear and emotional burdens. One soldier, Lieutenant Cross, struggles with guilt and responsibility as the war changes them all. The story is about fear, friendship, and how war leaves lasting scars.



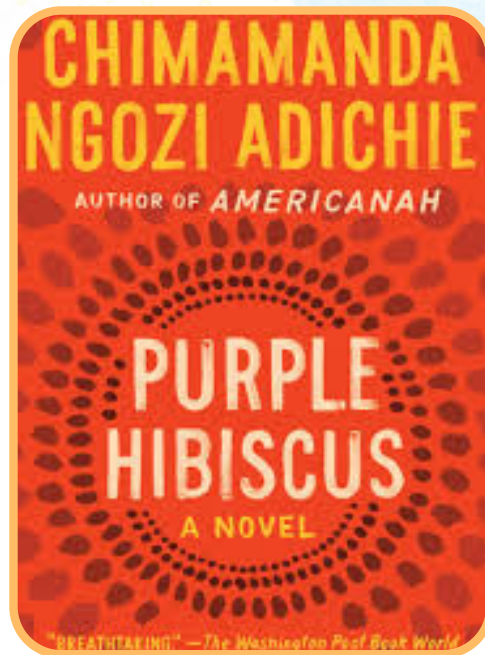
In *Boy 21* by Matthew Quick, Finley is a quiet basketball player trying to escape his tough neighborhood. When a new player named Russ, who calls himself Boy21, joins the team after a tragedy, their lives begin to change. The story is about friendship, loss, and finding hope in unexpected places.

JB English
Year 2

Summer Reading

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In *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Kambili is a quiet teenager living in Nigeria with her strict and deeply religious father. Her life is controlled by fear until she visits her aunt, where she experiences laughter, freedom, and love for the first time. As political unrest grows around them, Kambili begins to question everything she's been taught. The story is about family, silence, and the courage it takes to speak out and grow into yourself.

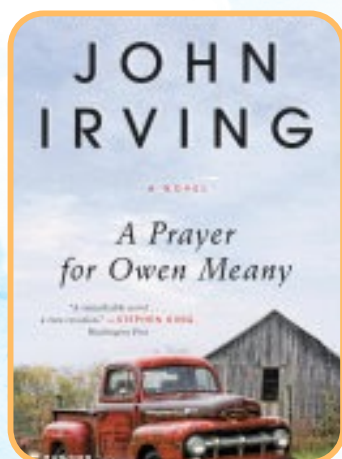
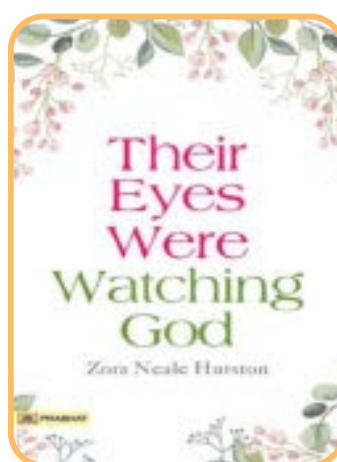
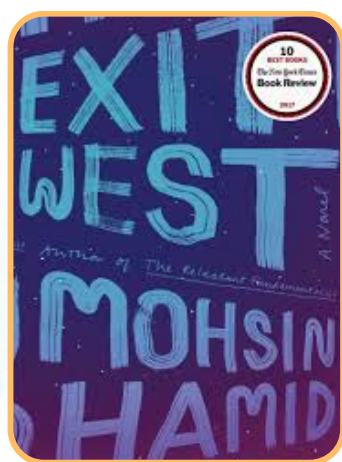
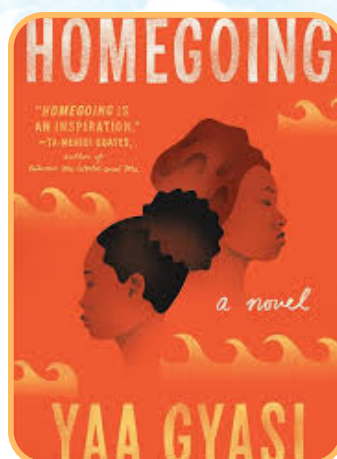


AP English Literature 12

Summer Reading

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