

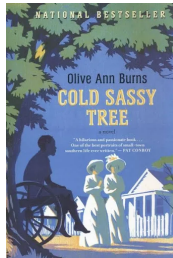


Accelerated English I - 9th Grade

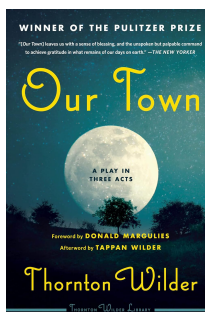
Summer Reading 2026

**Readings: *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns (ISBN-10: 0618919716)
Our Town by Thornton Wilder (ISBN-10: 0063003996)**

Cold Sassy, Georgia is the perfect setting for this coming-of-age novel about young Will Tweedy. It is a big year for Will as his childhood innocence melts into adolescence; he falls in love, loses his best friend, and gets run over by a train and lives to tell about it. The author captures what it truly means to live and die in a small Southern town at the beginning of the twentieth century.



Our Town is Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play that debuted in 1938. Performed with minimal scenery and props, the play examines life in the small town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, zeroing in on two families, the Webbs and the Gibbs. Three acts, spaced a few years apart, follow relationships and changes in the town and its people.



You will take a test, which will include an essay portion, on these works on Thursday, August 20. The Summer Reading Compliance Form must be signed and returned on August 20, as well. It counts for 11 points of your grade.