

10th Grade Resource English
Summer Reading Assignment (2026)

Purpose:

This summer reading assignment is designed to help you stay connected to reading and writing, while also preparing for the kinds of writing you'll do in 10th grade—especially organizing your thoughts into short paragraphs.

You will choose **ONE** of the two options below. Pick the one that fits your learning style best!



☒ **Option 1: Read and Respond (Paragraph Response Option)**

Instructions:

1. Choose a **fiction book** (chapter book, novel-in-verse, or graphic novel) that interests you and is appropriate for your reading level.
2. After reading, answer the following **three prompts** in short paragraphs (4–6 sentences each).

Prompts:

1. **Summary Paragraph:** Briefly summarize the main events of the story (beginning, middle, end). Be sure to include the main character and central conflict.
2. **Character Analysis Paragraph:** Choose one character. Describe their personality and how they change from the beginning to the end of the story. Give at least one example from the book to support your response.
3. **Opinion Paragraph:** Did you like the book? Why or why not? Give at least two reasons and one example from the story to support your opinion.

✓ Option 2: Read and Create (Visual & Written Option)

Instructions:

1. Choose a **fiction book** (chapter book, novel-in-verse, or graphic novel) that interests you and is appropriate for your reading level.
2. Create a **one-pager** that includes both creative visuals and short written responses.

Your one-pager must include:

- The **title and author** of the book
- A **drawing or collage** representing a key scene
- A **quote** from the book with an explanation of why it stood out to you (3-4 sentences)
- A **character snapshot**: Choose one character and describe them in 4-6 sentences (personality, goals, and changes they experience)
- Three **mood or theme words** that describe the story, with a sentence explaining each word choice

You may hand draw or create your one-pager digitally (using Canva, Google Docs, or another tool).

 **Due Date: First Friday of School (September 11, 2026)**





Summer Reading Assignment Rubric (50 Points Total)

Category	Excellent (10 pts)	Good (7–9 pts)	Needs Work (1–6 pts)
Completion	All required parts are fully completed with attention to detail	Most parts are complete with some detail missing	Several parts are missing or rushed/incomplete
Reading Comprehension / Understanding of Text	Demonstrates strong understanding of plot, character, and theme; includes specific details	Shows general understanding with some support from the text	Limited or unclear understanding; lacks examples or support
Writing Quality (Option 1) / Written Explanation (Option 2)	Paragraphs are well-organized with topic sentences, supporting details, and strong clarity	Paragraphs are organized but may need more clarity or support	Writing is disorganized or lacks supporting detail
Creativity & Thoughtfulness (Especially for Option 2)	Demonstrates deep thinking, creative choices, and strong effort	Some thoughtful ideas and creativity shown	Minimal effort; lacks depth or originality
Conventions (Grammar, Spelling, Neatness)	Few or no errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling; neat and easy to read	Some minor errors that do not affect understanding	Frequent errors that make writing hard to follow or distract the reader



Book Suggestions (Optional):

- *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds