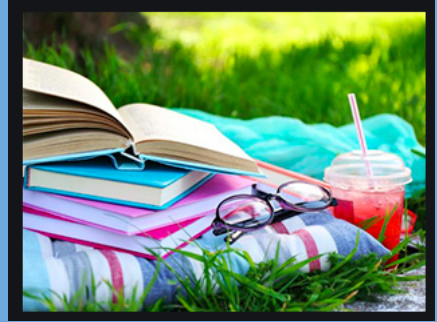


Summer Reading 2026

Incoming Grade 10



Directions: Read **one text** from **each column**. Click the links to access the digital texts. Read them online or print copies. **NOTE:** Students must be logged into their **Park Ridge Google Accounts in order to access the links**. From the **English Dept. Summer Reading webpage**, make sure to **complete ONE graphic organizer per text**.

Fiction (Select One)	Non-Fiction (Select One)	Poetry (Select One)
“Amigo Brothers” by Piri Thomas	“The Perils of Indifference” by Elie Wiesel	“The War Works Hard” by Dunya Mikhail
“The Rules of the Game” by Amy Tan	Malala Yousafzai’s Nobel Peace Prize Lecture	“Break My Heart” by Joy Harjo
“The Treasure of Lemon Brown” by Walter Dean Myers	“The Danger of a Single Story” by Chimamanda Ngozie Adichie	“Bilingual/Bilingüe” by Rhina P. Espaollat

Recommended Titles for Personal Summer Reading--Incoming Grade 10 (optional)

- ***The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas (lexile 590)**
After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.
- ***Dear Martin* by Nic Stone (lexile 720)**
Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.
- ***I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika Sanchez (lexile 730)**
When the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia, who longs to go to college and move into a home of her own, discovers from mutual friends that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.
- ***All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely (lexile 770)**
When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.

- ***This Savage Song* by Victoria Schwab (lexile 830)**

"As the heirs to opposing sides in a warring city, Kate Harker and Augustus Flynn should never have met. A Romeo and Juliet-esque fantasy about the difference between good and evil and the blurry gray area in between".

- ***The Field Guide to the North American Teenager* by Ben Philippe (lexile 830)**

When Norris, a Black French Canadian, starts his junior year at an Austin, Texas, high school, he views his fellow students as cliches from "a bad 90s teen movie."

- ***I Was Their American Dream* by Malaka Gharib (graphic memoir)**

At once a coming-of-age story and a reminder of the thousands of immigrants who come to America in search for a better life for themselves and their children. The daughter of parents with unfulfilled dreams themselves, Malaka navigated her childhood chasing her parents' ideals, learning to code-switch between her family's Filipino and Egyptian customs, adapting to white culture to fit in, crushing on skater boys, and trying to understand the tension between holding onto cultural values and trying to be an all-American kid.

- ***Sorta Like a Rockstar* by Matthew Quick (lexile 960)**

Although seventeen-year-old Amber Appleton is homeless, living in a school bus with her unfit mother, she is a relentless optimist who visits the elderly at a nursing home, teaches English to Korean Catholic women with the use of rhythm and blues music, and befriends a solitary Vietnam veteran and his dog, but eventually she experiences one burden more than she can bear and slips into a deep depression.