"You know you’ve read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend."
— Paul Sweeney
Overview of Summer Reading Program

This summer, you will be responsible for reading **two (2) books** in preparation for English 9 Honors in the fall.

The books will be chosen as a 2-book set that have a common topic, author or genre. **You may not choose one book from one set and another book from another set.**

There will be no written assignment associated with the summer reading assignment; however, we highly encourage you to take notes about your books as you read so that you are prepared to discuss your book in September. It is hard to remember what you were thinking as you were reading weeks or months after you finished the book.
Addiction - Choose two (2)
Mental Illness - Choose two (2)

- Tamara Ireland Stone
- John Green
- Laurie Halse Anderson
Injustice - Choose two (2)
Body Image - Choose two (2)

1. Butter by Erin Jade Lange
2. Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson
3. Holding Up the Universe by Jennifer Niven
Immigration - Choose two (2)

- Refugee by Alan Gratz
- American Street by Ibi Zoboi
- I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sánchez
LBGTQ+ - Choose two (2)

1. Symptoms of Being Human by Jeff Garvin
2. Odd One Out by Nic Stone
3. The Great American Whatever by Tim Federle
Racism - Choose two (2)
Girl Power - Choose two (2)
Science Fiction - Choose two (2)

- Scythe
- Marie Lu
- Renegades
Fantasy - Choose two (2)
Nonfiction - Choose two (2)
Authors - Choose any two (2) from any one author

- Laurie Halse Anderson
- Jason Reynolds
- John Green
- Sarah Dessen
- Chris Crutcher
- Ellen Hopkins
- Carl Deuker
- David Levithan
- Matt de la Pena (age appropriate - no picture books)
- Jacqueline Woodson (age appropriate - no picture books)
Getting Started

❖ Decide which text set you would like to explore.
❖ Do some research - go online to find out what the book is about, visit Goodreads or Amazon to read reviews of the books, visit the library or bookstore to see inside (type face, spacing, length, etc.).
❖ Begin reading! Taking notes is highly recommended.
Questions

- What if I don’t like my initial book choice?
  - You can select any text set on our list. However, your initial choice may not be the best fit for you for a number of reasons. You can change your mind as often as you like between now and September, as long as one text set is completed by the first week of school.

- How will I be assessed?
  - You will be assessed in September using various measures, including, but not limited to, small and large group discussions, paired and individual writing assignments, and teacher conferences.
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Happy Reading!!!