



### 9th Grade Recommended Summer Reading

Dear incoming 9th graders,

We recognize that this summer will not be a “typical” one, given all that has occurred. We are asking you to read, now more than ever. You should read a wide variety of texts on many topics, and from the perspectives of others that may be of a different race, gender, age, etc. than you. It is important to read books in which you see yourself *and* others in order to truly be educated. Below are many options that can also be found in hardcopy, ebook, and/or audiobook format from the library, but feel free to branch out to find other books you may enjoy.

Wishing you continued good health and safety,  
Your future English teachers

Fiction	Nonfiction	Graphic novels	Novels in verse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Children of Blood and Bone</i> by Tomi Adeyemi</li> <li>● <i>Eliza and Her Monsters</i> by Francesca Zappia</li> <li>● <i>For Every One</i> by Jason Reynolds</li> <li>● <i>George</i> by Alex Gino</li> <li>● <i>I Am Not Dying With You Tonight</i> by Jones and Segal</li> <li>● <i>Indian No More</i> by Charlene Mcmanis and Traci Sorell</li> <li>● <i>King and the Dragonflies</i> by Kacen Callender</li> <li>● <i>Monday's Not Coming</i> by Tiffany Jackson</li> <li>● <i>Pet</i> by Akwaeke Emezi</li> <li>● <i>Piecing Me Together</i> by Renee Watson</li> <li>● <i>Pride</i> by Ibi Zoboi</li> <li>● <i>Refugee</i> by Alan Gratz</li> <li>● <i>The Marrow Thieves</i> by Cherie Dimaline</li> <li>● <i>The Sun is Also a Star</i> by Nicola Yoon</li> <li>● <i>The Truth As Told by Mason Buttle</i> by Leslie Connor</li> <li>● <i>They Both Die at the End</i> by Adam Silvera</li> <li>● <i>With the Fire on High</i> by Elizabeth Acevedo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People</i> by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Debbie Reese, and Jean Mendoza</li> <li>● <i>Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You</i> by Jason Reynolds and Ibram Kendi</li> <li>● <i>The 57 Bus</i> by Dashka Slater</li> <li>● <i>We Should All Be Feminists</i> by Chimamanda Adichie</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> several of the graphic novels are also nonfiction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Almost American Girl</i> by Robin Ha</li> <li>● <i>Hey Kiddo</i> by Jarrett Krosoczka</li> <li>● <i>Illegal</i> by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin</li> <li>● <i>Lighter Than My Shadow</i> by Katie Green</li> <li>● <i>New Kid</i> by Jerry Craft</li> <li>● <i>The Unwanted: Stories of Syrian Refugees</i> by Don Brown</li> <li>● <i>They Called Us Enemy</i> by George Takei</li> <li>● <i>When Stars Are Scattered</i> by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>House Arrest</i> by K.A. Holt</li> <li>● <i>Other Words for Home</i> by Jasmine Warga</li> <li>● <i>Redwood and Ponytail</i> by K. A. Holt</li> <li>● <i>Swing</i> by Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess</li> </ul>