

# *Eli Whitney Technical High School*

## *2018 Summer Reading List and Project*

We want your summer reading experience to be enjoyable. To help you make that happen, here are suggested authors and book titles you may like.

### **Sports Fiction**

Authors **Tim Green, Mike Lupica, Matt Christopher, John Feinstein** or **Paul Volponi** would be excellent choices!

- Examples: *Super Bowl, Heat, Miracle on 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Travel Team*
- *Crackback* by John Coy ~ Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and shunned by his best friend for not taking performance-enhancing drugs.
- *Out of Nowhere* by Maria Padian ~ Performing community service for pulling a stupid prank against a rival high school, soccer star Tom tutors a Somali refugee with soccer dreams of his own.

### **Fictional Urban High School Drama**

Various authors - The Bluford High Series

- Examples: *Until We Meet Again, Someone To Love Me, A Matter Of Trust*

### **Fictional Drama**

Any books by authors Sharon Flake, Sharon Draper, Sarah Dessen, and Sara Sheppard.

- Examples: *Tears Of A Tiger, Romiette & Julio, The Skin I'm In, Money Hungry, Lock and Key, Along For The Ride, Pretty Little Liars*
- *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher ~ When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a heartbreaking night listening to her recount the events leading up to her death.
- *Speak* ~ by Laurie Halse Anderson A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.
- *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky ~ A series of letters to an unknown correspondent reveals the coming-of-age trials of a high-schooler named Charlie.
- *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green ~ Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon ~ Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.
- *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers ~ While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen year old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

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### **Spy & Action Fiction**

Authors Anthony Horowitz, John Grisham, and James Patterson would be excellent choices!

- Examples: *Stormbreaker*, *Point Blank*, *Maximum Ride*, *Theodore Book: Kid Lawyer*

### **Historical Fiction**

- *Copper Sun* by Sharon M. Draper ~ Two fifteen-year-old girls - one a slave and the other an indentured servant - escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.
- *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini ~ This novel is set against three decades of Afghanistan's history shaped by Soviet occupation, civil war, and the Taliban and tells the stories of two women, Mariam and Laila, who grow close despite the horrors they must endure.
- *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak ~ Narrated by Death, *The Book Thief* is the story of Liesel Meminger, a nine-year-old German girl who given up by her mother to live with Hans and Rosa Hubermann in the small town of Molching in 1939, shortly before World War II.

### **Multicultural**

- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros ~ A young girl living in a Hispanic neighborhood in Chicago ponders the advantages and disadvantages of her environment and evaluates her relationships with family and friends.
- *Buried Onions* by Gary Soto ~ When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican American living in a violence-infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.
- *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson ~ Author Greg Mortenson recounts the experiences he had while trying to help impoverished villages in Pakistan's Karakoram Himalaya build schools for their children.

### **Mysteries, Danger, Suspense**

Author R.L. Stine has written the books in the Goosebumps and Fear Street series.

- Examples: *Party Summer*, *The Secret*, *The Haunted Mask*, *Night Of The Living Dummy*

### **Science Fiction**

- Examples: *Hunger Games* Trilogy, *Divergent* Series, *Maze Runner* Series

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Eli Whitney Technical High School strongly believes that reading and writing is an integral part of your ongoing education. Therefore, you will be required to complete a summer reading assignment that will incorporate both reading and writing. This assignment will be due on the first day of academics after summer break.

Students who return to school with a completed copy of a reading activity will receive an “A” grade which will count as 5% of their 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period grade in English class.

Area libraries are aware of our Summer Reading List and they are very eager to assist you with finding a book. All Summer Reading Program information is also posted on our school website: <http://www.cttech.org/whitney/>.

**Required Reading:** Select a book of your choice to read from the Eli Whitney Summer Reading List.

### **Complete and return your *Summer Reading Contract* with your English teacher before your last English class.**

**Assignment:** Complete **ONE** of the activities (**A, B, C or D**) listed below. *To receive your “A”, you must return to school in August with one of these activities completed.*

#### **Option A. STAR Reading Graphic Organizer** (copy attached)

Complete the STAR Reading Graphic Organizer. A strategy you can use is to read the questions first to know what you should be thinking about while you read. Another strategy is to take notes as you read after every 1-3 chapters to help you remember details of the book.

#### **Option B. Interactive Reading Log** (copy attached)

While you are reading this book, keep an interactive reading log. The log has two parts to be completed: the summary column and the interactive column. You will be required to complete a minimum of 8 logs for the entire novel, so you may organize your logs by pages or chapters—this part is up to you. As you read, write a brief summary (no more than one paragraph) of significant events, character changes, theme development, in the space provided.

Record your Interactive Response to the text (also around one paragraph in length). You cannot be wrong in your responses, as these reflect your personal reactions to the text. Make predictions about what might happen later. What questions do you have? Do you find any situations to be morally wrong? Have you ever encountered similar situations? Use your personal experiences to make connections with the text.

#### **Option C. Journal Entries using Sentence Starters**

Every day you read, create journal entries using sentence starters. Example sentence starters include:

I wonder why...

I like the way the author...

I was surprised when...

I was confused about...

This quote is important because...

I compare myself to a character...

I think the main thing the writer was trying to say is...

What does the author mean by...

This book reminds me of another book...

I predict that...

#### **Option D. Design a Book Jacket** (copy attached)

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Refer to the attached rubric for details to complete this assignment.

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***Interactive Reading Log***

| Date/Chapter/Pages Read | Summary | Interactive Response |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|
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| 2.                      |         |                      |
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Use additional paper if needed.

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*Design a Book Jacket*

Your Book Jacket (or book cover) should include all the following details:

- FRONT COVER
  - The cover is creative, colorful, and vividly depicts the story through quality pictures and/or drawings
  - Title, author, publisher and price are all present
  
- BACK COVER
  - Summary of Book and Exciting Events
  - The back cover has a total of 4 creative and interesting reviews of selected book including a detailed one by you
  
- FRONT FLAP
  - Brief Descriptions of Setting
  - The summary of the story is accurate with 4 or more specific details
  
- BACK FLAP
  - Descriptions of main characters are accurate with specific details
  
- EFFORT
  - The product shows outstanding work.

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**STAR Reading Graphic Organizer**

Now that you have read the book, why do you think the author chose the title? Use examples to support your answer.

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How would the other characters in the book describe the main character and why?

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Title of Book

Author

Name of Main Character

What actor or actress would you cast to play the title role if this book was made into a movie? Why?

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Describe the main conflict [the main problem] of the book. How does the conflict get solved?

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Would you recommend this book to a friend or family member? Why or why not? Use specific reasons to support your answer.

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