

10th Grade Summer Reading:

For your summer reading, please choose a book from the 10th grade reading list (See below). While you are reading, choose 5 pieces of text evidence (quotes) from the book. These passages should be key moments from the book. Be sure to include the page numbers, and make sure you write the text evidence word for word.

This does not need to be typed, but it is due on the first day of school.

Enjoy your summer.

10th Grade List

NONFICTION

Brown Girl Dreaming (National Book Award, 2014)

Jacqueline Woodson

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014, 336 p.

Summary and Review From National Book Award

Winner Jacqueline Woodson, one of today's finest writers, tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse. Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become. Praise for Jacqueline Woodson: Ms. Woodson writes with a sure understanding of the thoughts of young people, offering a poetic, eloquent narrative that is not simply a story . . . but a mature exploration of grown-up issues and self-discovery. The New York Times Book Review

Eagle Blue (Alex Award winner)

Michael D'Orso

Bloomsbury, 2006, 323 p.

Summary and Review from Goodreads

In the tradition of Friday Night Lights, an extraordinary journey into the basketball-crazed culture of remote Arctic Alaska . The village of Fort Yukon sits eight miles above the Arctic Circle, deep in Alaska's "bush" country. The six hundred men, women and children who live there--almost all of them Athabaskan Gwich'in Natives--have little to cheer for. Their traditional Indian ways of life are rapidly vanishing in the face of a modern culture that is closing in on all sides, threatening to destroy their community and their identity. The one source of pride they can count on is their boys' high school basketball team--the Fort Yukon

Eagles. Eagle Blue follows the Eagles, winners of six regional championships in a row, through the course of an entire 28-game season, from their first day of practice in late November to the Alaska State Championship Tournament in March. With insight, frankness, and compassion, Michael D'Orso climbs into the lives of these fourteen boys, their families, and their coach, shadowing them through an Arctic winter of fifty-below-zero temperatures and near-round-the-clock darkness as the Eagles criss-cross Alaska by air, van, and snow machine in pursuit of their--and their village's--dream.

FICTION

The Crossover (2015 Newbery Winner)
Kwame Alexander
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013, 237 p.

Summary and review from Kirkus Starred Review

Josh Bell and his twin brother, Jordan, are awesome on the basketball court. They must come to grips with growing up on and off the court as they realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price. This story's heart-pounding climax proves to be a game changer for the entire family.

Fighting Ruben Wolfe (ALA Notable Best Book)
Markus Zusak
A. A. Levine, 2001, 219 pages

Summary and Review from Booklist

Two teenage brothers from a working-class family (father unemployed but too proud to go on the dole, mother scrubbing floors) decide to do their part by signing on with a lowlife boxing promoter who stages semi-legal fights between untrained youths who are only paid if they win. Ruben Wolfe, the charismatic older brother, knocks out his opponents without breaking a sweat; Cameron, the sensitive younger brother and the story's narrator, lacks talent but fights on guts alone, usually losing but collecting "tips" from fans who respect his ability to keep getting up after being knocked down.

The Rock and the River (ALA Notable Book)
Kekla Magoon
Aladdin, 2009, 291 pages

Summary and Review from Goodreads

In 1968 Chicago, it's not easy for thirteen-year-old Sam to be the son of known civil rights activist Roland Childs. Especially when his older brother, Stick, starts keeping to himself. Then, one day, Sam finds something under Stick's bed that changes everything: literature about the Black Panthers. Suddenly, nothing feels certain anymore. And when Dr. King is shot and killed, Sam's father's words are no longer enough to make him believe in change....This moving, coming-of-age

story gracefully encompasses the scope of the struggle between the civil rights and black power movements through an intimate and relatable lens.

The Rule of Three (Book One of a Series)

Eric Walters

Macmillan, 2015, 405 p.

Summary and Review from Young Adults Choices 2015 Reading List

One shocking afternoon, computers around the globe shut down in a viral catastrophe. Driving home, Adam encounters a storm tide of anger and fear as the region becomes paralyzed. As resources dwindle, crises mount, and chaos descends, he will see his suburban neighborhood band together for protection and survival.

Prisoner B-3087

Alan Gatz and Ruth and Jack Gruener.

Scholastic, 2014, p. 260 p.

Summary from Scholastic Books

This book follows the life of 10-year-old Yanek Gruener living in Nazi-occupied Krakow. He is deported to the Plaszow concentration camp, the first of 10 camps that he will suffer through but survive. Based on a true story, this is a heartbreaking story of resilience and survival.

CLASSIC FICTION

Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast

Robin McKinley

Harper Collins, 1978, 325 p.

Summary by Goodreads

A strange imprisonment Beauty has never liked her nickname. She is thin and awkward; it is her two sisters who are the beautiful ones. But what she lacks in looks, she can perhaps make up for in courage. When her father comes home with the tale of an enchanted castle in the forest and the terrible promise he had to make to the Beast who lives there, Beauty knows she must go to the castle, a prisoner of her own free will. Her father protests that he will not let her go, but she answers, "Cannot a Beast be tamed?" Robin McKinley's beloved telling illuminates the unusual love story of a most unlikely couple: Beauty and the Beast.