


**WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**  
**Tenth Grade: American Literature: Summer Reading Assignment 2021**

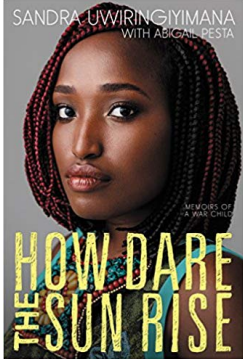
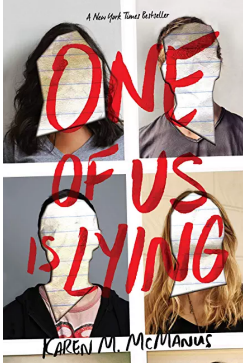
## Novel Choices

**Please select one of the following novels, choosing the right book for you:**

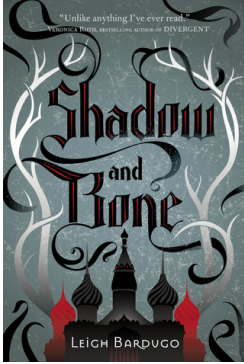
Please note that some of the following texts may contain explicit language, sexual references, or mature subject matter. Thus, it is suggested that parents help their children make appropriate summer reading selections. To read descriptions and reviews of all the books go to [www.goodreads.com/book/explore](http://www.goodreads.com/book/explore). If you are unhappy with your choice, feel free to make another selection from the list provided. As always, please use the email indicated for questions if you continue to have difficulty finding an appropriate novel. I would love to help!  
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Book Cover	Title/Genre/Author	Brief Summary
	<p><i>Scythe</i> (Dystopian) Neal Shusterman</p> <p><a href="https://www.d-pdf.com/book/493/read">https://www.d-pdf.com/book/493/read</a></p>	<p><i>Thou shalt kill.</i></p> <p>A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.</p> <p>Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe—a role that neither wants. These teens must master the “art” of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.</p>

	<p><i>Orphan Train</i> (Historical Fiction) Christina Baker Kline</p> <p><a href="http://1.droppdf.com/files/M9Adq/orphan-train-christina-baker-kline.pdf">http://1.droppdf.com/files/M9Adq/orphan-train-christina-baker-kline.pdf</a></p>	<p>Christina Baker Kline's <i>Orphan Train</i> is an unforgettable story of friendship and second chances that highlights a little-known but historically significant movement in America's past—and it includes a special PS section for book clubs featuring insights, interviews, and more.</p> <p>Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to “aging out” out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse...</p> <p>As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance.</p> <p>Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life—answers that will ultimately free them both.</p> <p>Rich in detail and epic in scope, <i>Orphan Train</i> is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.</p>
	<p><i>Winger</i> (Realistic Fiction/Humor) Andrew Smith</p>	<p>Ryan Dean West is a fourteen-year-old junior at a boarding school for rich kids in the Pacific Northwest. He's living in Opportunity Hall, the dorm for troublemakers, and rooming with the biggest bully on the rugby team. And he's madly in love with his best friend Annie, who thinks of him as a little boy.</p> <p>With the help of his sense of humor, rugby buddies, and his penchant for doodling comics, Ryan Dean manages to survive life's complications and even find some happiness along the way. But when the unthinkable happens, he has to figure out how to hold on to what's important, even when it feels like everything has fallen apart.</p>

		<p>Filled with hand-drawn info-graphics and illustrations and told in a pitch-perfect voice, this realistic depiction of a teen's experience strikes an exceptional balance of hilarious and heartbreaking.</p>
	<p><i>How Dare the Sun Rise</i> (Memoir) Sandra Uwiringiyimana</p>	<p>This profoundly moving memoir is the remarkable and inspiring true story of Sandra Uwiringiyimana, a girl from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who tells the tale of how she survived a massacre, immigrated to America, and overcame her trauma through art and activism.</p> <p>Sandra was just ten years old when she found herself with a gun pointed at her head. She had watched as rebels gunned down her mother and six-year-old sister in a refugee camp. Remarkably, the rebel didn't pull the trigger, and Sandra escaped.</p> <p>Thus began a new life for her and her surviving family members. With no home and no money, they struggled to stay alive. Eventually, through a United Nations refugee program, they moved to America, only to face yet another ethnic disconnect. Sandra may have crossed an ocean, but there was now a much wider divide she had to overcome. And it started with middle school in New York.</p> <p>In this memoir, Sandra tells the story of her survival, of finding her place in a new country, of her hope for the future, and how she found a way to give voice to her people.</p>
	<p><i>One of Us is Lying</i> (Mystery) Karen McManus</p> <p><a href="#">Link to online book</a></p>	<p>"<i>Pretty Little Liars</i> meets <i>The Breakfast Club</i>" (EW.com) in this "flat-out addictive" (RT Book Reviews) story of what happens when five strangers walk into detention and only four walk out alive.</p> <p>Pay close attention and you might solve this. On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention.</p> <p>Bronwyn, <b>the brain</b>, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule.</p> <p>Addy, <b>the beauty</b>, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess.</p> <p>Nate, <b>the criminal</b>, is already on probation for dealing.</p> <p>Cooper, <b>the athlete</b>, is the all-star baseball pitcher.</p>

		<p>And Simon, <b>the outcast</b>, is the creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app.</p> <p>Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose?</p> <p>Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them.</p>
	<p><i>We Were Liars</i> (mystery) E. Lockhart</p> <p><a href="https://www.humbleisd.net/cms/lib/TX01001414/Centricity/Domain/5915/we_were_liars.pdf">https://www.humbleisd.net/cms/lib/TX01001414/Centricity/Domain/5915/we_were_liars.pdf</a></p>	<p>A beautiful and distinguished family. A private island. A brilliant, damaged girl; a passionate, political boy. A group of four friends—the Liars—whose friendship turns destructive. A revolution. An accident. A secret. Lies upon lies. True love. The truth.</p> <p><i>We Were Liars</i> is a modern, sophisticated suspense novel from <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author, National Book Award finalist, and Printz Award honoree E. Lockhart.</p> <p>Read it. And if anyone asks you how it ends, just LIE.</p>
	<p><i>On the Come Up</i> (Realistic fiction) Angie Thomas</p> <p>This would be a good choice if you loved <i>The Hate U Give</i> by this incredible author</p>	<p>Sixteen-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. Or at least win her first battle. As the daughter of an underground hip hop legend who died right before he hit big, Bri's got massive shoes to fill.</p> <p>But it's hard to get your come up when you're labeled a hoodlum at school, and your fridge at home is empty after your mom loses her job. So Bri pours her anger and frustration into her first song, which goes viral . . . for all the wrong reasons.</p> <p>Bri soon finds herself at the center of a controversy, portrayed by the media as more menace than MC. But with an eviction notice staring her family down, Bri doesn't just want to make it—she has to. Even if it means becoming the very thing the public has made her out to be.</p>

		<p>Insightful, unflinching, and full of heart, <i>On the Come Up</i> is an ode to hip hop from one of the most influential literary voices of a generation. It is the story of fighting for your dreams, even as the odds are stacked against you; and about how, especially for young black people, freedom of speech isn't always free.</p>
	<p><i>Shadow and Bone</i> by Leigh Bardugo (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Surrounded by enemies, the once-great nation of Ravka has been torn in two by the Shadow Fold, a swath of near impenetrable darkness crawling with monsters who feast on human flesh. Now its fate may rest on the shoulders of one lonely refugee.</p> <p>Alina Starkov has never been good at anything. But when her regiment is attacked on the Fold and her best friend is brutally injured, Alina reveals a dormant power that saves his life—a power that could be the key to setting her war-ravaged country free. Wrenched from everything she knows, Alina is whisked away to the royal court to be trained as a member of the Grisha, the magical elite led by the mysterious Darkling.</p> <p>Yet nothing in this lavish world is what it seems. With darkness looming and an entire kingdom depending on her untamed power, Alina will have to confront the secrets of the Grisha . . . and the secrets of her heart.</p>