



WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
Tenth Grade: American Literature: Summer Reading Assignment 2020

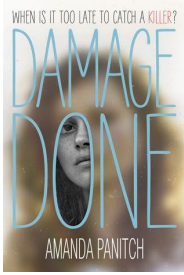

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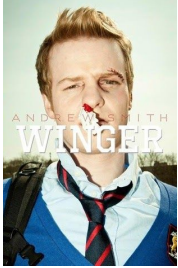
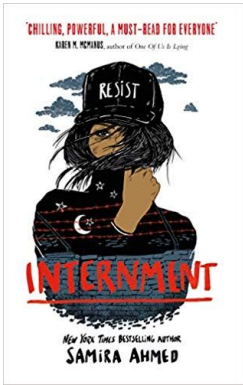
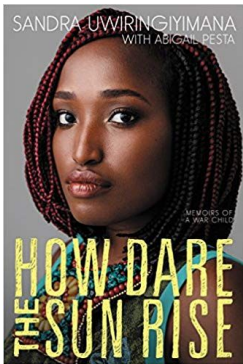
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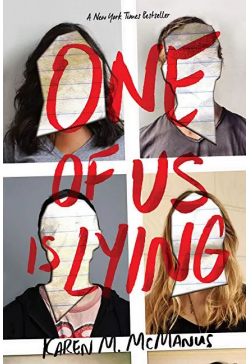
Please note that some of the following texts may contain explicit language, sexual references, or mature subject matter. Thus, it is suggested that parents help their children make appropriate summer reading selections. To read descriptions and reviews of all the books go to www.goodreads.com/book/explore. 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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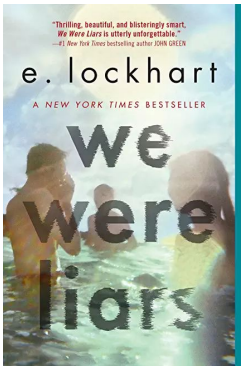
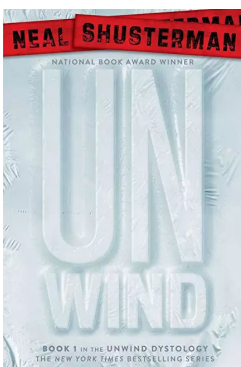
Book Cover	Title/Genre/Author	Brief Summary
	Scythe (Dystopian) Neal Shusterman	<i>Thou shalt kill.</i> A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control. 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.
	We All Looked Up (Science Fiction) Tommy Wallach	Before the asteroid we let ourselves be defined by labels: The athlete, the outcast, the slacker, the overachiever. But then we all looked up and everything changed. They said it would be here in two months. That gave us two months to leave our labels behind. Two months to become something bigger than what we'd been, something that would last even after the end. Two months to really live.

	<p>Orphan Train (Historical Fiction) Christina Baker Kline</p> <p>http://1.droppdf.com/files/M9Adq/orphan-train-christina-baker-kline.pdf</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>Most Dangerous (historical non fiction) Steve Sheinkin</p> <p>https://pdfget.com/pdf-epub-most-dangerous-daniel-ellsberg-and-the-secret-history-of-the-vietnam-war-d</p>	<p><i>Most Dangerous</i> is the award-winning nonfiction account of an ordinary man who wielded the most dangerous weapon: the truth.</p> <p>In 1964, Daniel Ellsberg was a U.S. government analyst, helping to plan a war in Vietnam. It was the height of the Cold War, and the government would do anything to stop the spread of communism—with or without the consent of the American people.</p> <p>As the fighting in Vietnam escalated, Ellsberg turned against the war. He had access a top-secret government report known as the Pentagon Papers, and he knew it could blow the lid off of years of</p>

	ownload/	<p>government lies. But did he have the right to expose decades of presidential secrets? And what would happen to him if he did it?</p> <p>A lively book that interrogates the meanings of patriotism, freedom, and integrity, the 2015 National Book Award finalist <i>Most Dangerous</i> further establishes Steve Sheinkin as a leader in children's nonfiction.</p>
	<p>Damage Done (mystery/thriller) Amanda Panitch</p>	<p>Before: Julia had a twin brother, a boyfriend, and a best friend.</p> <p>After: She has a new identity, a new hometown, and memories of those twenty-two minutes that refuse to come into focus. At least, that's what she tells the police.</p> <p>Now that she's Lucy Black, she's able to begin again. She's even getting used to the empty bedroom where her brother should be. And her fresh start has attracted the attention of one of the hottest guys in school, a boy who will do anything to protect her. But when someone much more dangerous also takes notice, Lucy's forced to confront the dark secrets she thought were safely left behind.</p> <p>One thing is clear: The damage done can never be erased. It's only just beginning. . . .</p>
	<p>Eleanor and Park (Fantasy) Rainbow Rowell</p> <p>https://uglynikki.files.wordpress.com/2013/07/eleanor-and-park.pdf</p>	<p>Eleanor is the new girl in town, and with her chaotic family life, her mismatched clothes and unruly red hair, she couldn't stick out more if she tried.</p> <p>Park is the boy at the back of the bus. Black T-shirts, headphones, head in a book - he thinks he's made himself invisible. But not to Eleanor... never to Eleanor.</p> <p>Slowly, steadily, through late-night conversations and an ever-growing stack of mix tapes, Eleanor and Park fall for each other. They fall in love the way you do the first time, when you're young, and you feel as if you have nothing and everything to lose.</p>

	<p>Winger (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>Internment (Dystopian) Samira Ahmed</p>	<p><i>Rebellions are built on hope.</i></p> <p>Set in a horrifying near-future United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens.</p> <p>With the help of newly made friends also trapped within the internment camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the internment camp's Director and his guards.</p> <p>Heart-racing and emotional, <i>Internment</i> challenges readers to fight complicit silence that exists in our society today.</p>
	<p>How Dare the Sun Rise (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</p>

		<p>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>One of Us is Lying (Mystery) Karen McManus</p>	<p>“<i>Pretty Little Liars</i> meets <i>The Breakfast Club</i>” (EW.com) in this “flat-out addictive” (<i>RT Book Reviews</i>) 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, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule.</p> <p>Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess.</p> <p>Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing.</p> <p>Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher.</p> <p>And Simon, the outcast, 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>We Were Liars (mystery) E. Lockhart</p> <p>https://www.humbleisd.net/cms/lib/TX01001414/Centricity/Domain/5915/we_were_liars.pdf</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. Read it. And if anyone asks you how it ends, just LIE.</p>
	<p>Unwind (Dystopian) Neal Shusterman</p> <p>http://schools.misd.org/upload/page/1030/English%20II/Unwind%20PDF_whole%20book.pdf</p>	<p>The first twisted and futuristic novel in the perennially popular <i>New York Times</i> bestselling Unwind dystology by Neal Shusterman.</p> <p>In America after the Second Civil War, the Pro-Choice and Pro-Life armies came to an agreement: The Bill of Life states that human life may not be touched from the moment of conception until a child reaches the age of thirteen. Between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, however, a parent may choose to retroactively get rid of a child through a process called "unwinding." Unwinding ensures that the child's life doesn't "technically" end by transplanting all the organs in the child's body to various recipients. Now a common and accepted practice in society, troublesome or unwanted teens are able to easily be unwound.</p> <p>With breathtaking suspense, this book follows three teens who all become runaway Unwinds: Connor, a rebel whose parents have ordered his unwinding; Risa, a ward of the state who is to be unwound due to cost-cutting; and Lev, his parents' tenth child whose unwinding has been planned since birth as a religious tithing. As their paths intersect and lives hang in the balance, Shusterman examines complex moral issues that will keep readers turning the pages until the very end.</p>

	<p>The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes (Dystopian/prequel for The Hunger Games series) Suzanne Collins</p>	<p>It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the 10th annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol, 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. The once-mighty house of Snow has fallen on hard times, its fate hanging on the slender chance that Coriolanus will be able to out charm, outwit, and outmaneuver his fellow students to mentor the winning tribute.</p> <p>The odds are against him. He's been given the humiliating assignment of mentoring the female tribute from District 12, the lowest of the low. Their fates are now completely intertwined - every choice Coriolanus makes could lead to favor or failure, triumph or ruin. Inside the arena, it will be a fight to the death. Outside the arena, Coriolanus starts to feel for his doomed tribute... and must weigh his need to follow the rules against his desire to survive no matter what it takes.</p>
	<p>On the Come Up (Realistic fiction) Angie Thomas</p> <p>This would be a good choice if you loved The Hate U Give 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, On the Come Up 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>