

Summer Reading 2018:
Incoming Freshmen

Directions:

You're going to read **two** books this summer. **One** of these should be from the following list, **and one should be of your choosing**. If you are stumped for your second book choice, visit your local public library or look around on Goodreads.com for **high school summer reading**.

You will be completing several writing assignments, including an in-class essay, during the first two weeks of school in response to your reading, so **keep the books with you** until after that is complete. These assignments will be worth 20% of your first marking period grade, and no allowances will be made for students who do not complete the reading in time. One of the assignments will examine the **hard choices** made by the main characters. As you are reading, **place a post-it note or bookmark** near evidence of hard choices.

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.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Talented Arnold Spirit leaves the reservation school to go to an academically superior one located many miles away. How he copes with this change, both at school and on the reservation, is realistic, thought-provoking, and laugh-out-loud funny. National Book Award Young People's Literature 2007.

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

With five starred reviews, Tomi Adeyemi's West African-inspired fantasy debut, and instant #1 New York Times Bestseller, conjures a world of magic and danger, perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo and Sabaa Tahir. "They killed my mother... They took our magic... They tried to bury us... Now we rise."

Three Little Words, A Memoir by Ashley Rhodes-Courter

Ashley Rhodes-Courter spent nine years of her life in fourteen different foster homes. As her mother spirals out of control, Ashley is left clinging to an unpredictable, dissolving relationship, all the while getting pulled deeper and deeper into the foster care system. In this inspiring, unforgettable memoir, Ashley finds the courage to succeed - and in doing so, discovers the power of her own voice.

Looking forward to meeting all of you!
Happy Reading,

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