

The Sound School

Summer Reading Guide

2024



This summer, you will be reading **1 book** for your summer reading. Please follow the directions below to complete your summer reading **for the first day of school**. The books should be available at your local public library.

Step 1: Choose **1 book** from the list on the next page for the grade you will be going into. Read the book over the summer.

Step 2: After you finish your book, choose one of the following assignments to complete based on the book. Your English teacher will collect the assignment from you at the beginning of the school year.

- a. Write a 2+ page letter to the author in which you explain what impacted you the most, ask questions you have on the book, and explain connections you found between the book and your own life or the lives of others you know.
- b. Write a 2+ page spin-off story for the main character(s). You could add a new scene to the book, rewrite the ending, or create a new scene that would happen after the book ended. Whatever you write should clearly connect to the original book.
- c. Write a 2+ page newspaper article on a major event from the book. Make sure to hit all of the key facts from the event and to make it dramatic.

9th Grade:

1. Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Twisted*
2. Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Speak*
3. Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*
4. Collins, Suzanne. *The Hunger Games*
5. Yang, Gene Luen. *American Born Chinese*

10th Grade:

1. Schusterman, Neal. *Unwind*
2. Green, John. *Turtles All the Way Down*
3. Gruen, Sara. *Water for Elephants*
4. Santiago, Esmeralda. *When I Was Puerto Rican*
5. Twain, Mark. *Tom Sawyer*

11th Grade:

1. Bradley, James. *Flags of Our Fathers*
2. Hemingway, Ernest. *The Sun Also Rises*
3. Morrison, Toni. *Sula*
4. Knowles, John. *A Separate Peace*
5. Partridge, Edith. *John Lennon: All I want is the Truth: A Biography.*

12th Grade:

1. Albom, Mitch. *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*
2. Atwood, Margaret. *The Handmaid's Tale*
3. Kafka, Franz. *The Metamorphosis*
4. Strauss, Darin. *Half a Life*
5. Wright, Richard. *Black Boy*