

Senior Summer Reading List 2010

Each student entering **Grade 12 CP** will choose any **two (2) books** from the following list; for each student entering **Grade 12 Honors and Grade 12 AP** choose any **three (3) books** from the following list.

For each book chosen, hand write a reading log using three-hole punched loose leaf paper. Set-up the reading log with your name, date, title of book (underlined), author, and total pages in the book.

Reading logs must be handwritten or hand printed; **no typed Reading Logs will be accepted.** Complete a reading log entry for every ten (10) pages of the book. Label each entry with the date and page numbers you have read. Write three (3) to four (4) sentences summarizing the pages read.

Grading is based on completeness, neatness, formatting, and following directions!

Students must read the book by the author listed or suffer low/failing grades; tests are on actual unabridged book by author listed.

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang*

Three stories that deal with coming to terms with one's own identity and they have a message that is very important.

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie*

Ten people are invited to a lonely mansion on Indian Island by a host who, surprisingly, fails to appear—ten people who have something to hide and something to fear.

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt. *

The author chronicles his impoverished childhood in Limerick, Ireland, in the 1930s and 1940s, describing his father's alcoholism and talent for storytelling; the challenges and tragedies his mother faced, including the loss of three children; and his early experiences in the Catholic church, and balances painful memories with humor.

Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver*

Taylor, a poor Kentuckian, makes her way west with an abandoned baby girl and stops in Tucson. There she finds friends and discovers resources in apparently empty places.

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller*

Captain Yossarian, a paranoid bomber pilot stationed in the Italian theater during World War II, faces a 'catch-22' in this comic novel when he wants to fly fewer combat missions.

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah. *

The author tells the story of her painful childhood in China, where she lived until the age of fourteen, with her father, stepmother, and siblings, all of whom considered her bad luck because her mother died shortly after giving birth to her.

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Coffee Will Make You Black by April Sinclair*

The story of an African-American woman growing up on the south side of Chicago during the turbulent 1960s as she tests the limits of racism.

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton*

Accused of murdering a white man, a young black man in South Africa is helped by his minister father and by a white attorney, but the racial problems of the country prevent justice being done.

Fast Food Nation by *Eric Schlosser**

Traces the history of the fast food industry and discusses how it arose in postwar America.

Fortunes of Indigo Skye by *Deb Caletti**

Eighteen year old Indigo is looking forward to becoming a full-time waitress after high school graduation, but her life is turned upside down by a large check given to her by a customer who appreciates that she cares enough to scold him about smoking.

Hard Love by *Ellen Wittlinger**

After starting to publish a zine in which he writes his secret feelings about his lonely life and his parents' divorce, sixteen-year-old John meets an unusual girl and begins to develop a healthier personality.

Invisible Man by *Ralph Ellison*

In the course of his wanderings from a Southern college to New York's Harlem, an African American man becomes involved in a series of adventures.*

Little Brother by *Cory Doctorow**

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen year old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

Mrs. Dalloway by *Virginia Woolf**

Mrs. Clarissa Dalloway, occupied with last minute details of party preparation, finds her thoughts on a very different route through the past.*

Slaughterhouse-Five by *Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.**

A fourth generation German-American is tortured by his memories of the fireboming of Dresden in 1944 which he witnesses while a prisoner of war.

Someone Like You by *Sarah Dessen**

Halley's junior year of high school includes the death of her best friend Scarlett's boyfriend, the discovery that Scarlett is pregnant, and Halley's own first serious relationship.

Stranger, The by *Albert Camus**

Caught in the grip of forces he does not understand, a quiet, ordinary clerk in Algiers commits a murder.

Thousand Splendid Suns by *Khalid Hosseini**

Mariam and Laila, marries to Rasheed, form an uneasy alliance so that they and their children survive despite horrific circumstances. In this second novel, Hosseini depicts Afghanistan from a woman's point of view during three decades of anti-Soviet jihad, civil war, and Taliban tyranny.

Twisted by *Laurie Halse Anderson**

After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen year old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.