

ENGLISH 7

SUMMER READING LIST



Please read **AT LEAST ONE BOOK** from this list (preferably during August so you won't forget too much).

During early September, you will receive an assignment so that you can demonstrate your understanding of the book you read.

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie, Sonnenblick

Steven has a totally normal life (well, almost): he plays drums, has a crush on a popular girl and is annoyed by his younger brother. But then Steven's world gets turned upside down by a tragic and unexpected development that is scarier than any horror movie – and yes, it has something to do with "dangerous pie."

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Avi

Accused and convicted of murder, 13-year-old Charlotte Doyle decides to reveal what really happened aboard the Seahawk--a ship piloted by a tyrannical captain and crewed by mutinous seamen--during the summer of 1832.

The Last Mission, H.Mazer

In 1944, Jack Raab, a 15-year-old who dreams of being a hero, lies his way into the U.S. Air Force. From their base in England, Jack and his crew fly 24 treacherous bombing missions over occupied Europe. Hitler is near defeat when Jack is shot down behind enemy lines. (* Contains mature language that may be considered objectionable)

One Fat Summer, Lipsyte

Overweight Bobby Marks hates the summertime because he can't hide under heavy clothing. Then he gets a job doing yardwork on an estate, and it isn't long before he finds out how terrifying, dangerous and wonderful summer can be.

The Moves Make the Man, Brooks

This young adult sports novel is set in 1961 during the Civil Rights Movement. Jerome Foxworthy, an African-American boy nicknamed "Jayfox," has just become the only black kid in his new school. He befriends a white boy named Braxton Rivers III, nicknamed Bix, a talented baseball player known for his blunt nature. Despite the differences between them, the two form a tight bond as they struggle against racism, domestic violence, and coping with family tragedy.

Unwind, Shusterman

The Second Civil War was fought over reproductive rights. The chilling resolution: Life is sacred from the moment of conception until age 13. But between the ages of 13 and 18, parents can have their child "unwound," whereby all of the child's organs are transplanted into different donors. Connor is too difficult for his parents to control. Risa, as an orphan, is not important enough to be kept alive. And Lev is a tithe, a child conceived and raised to be unwound. Together, they seek to escape and survive.

Blood on the River, Carbone

Twelve-year-old Samuel Collier is a lowly commoner on the streets of London who becomes a page to Captain John Smith and boards a ship headed for the New World in the early 1600s. At first, he thinks he's going to a place where gold washes ashore after every tide, but following a stormy journey and his first contact with native people, he realizes that the colony of "James Town" is far more dangerous than he ever thought.