

BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL ~ ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS SUMMER READING LIST



Some books to consider for your reading pleasure. The grade-level groupings are our best estimate as to the texts' reading level. Feel free to challenge yourself and read a book from the next grade level. You can find reviews/synopses for most (if not all) of the listed books at www.powells.com or www.amazon.com.

GRADE 9

Slater, *The 57 Bus*
Jackson, *Allegedly*
Feener, *Amid Stars and Darkness*
Noah, *Born a Crime*
Forest, *The Black Witch*
Adeyami, *Children of Blood and Bone*
Lu, *Warcross*
Levenseller, *Daughter of the Pirate King*
Zusak, *I Am the Messenger*
Ahmadi, *Down and Across*
Kiely, *Tradition*
Anderson, *Speak (Novel and Graphic Novel)*
Ali, *Saints and Misfits*
Farmer, *The House of the Scorpion*
McManus, *One of Us is Lying*

Going, *Fat Kid Rules the World*
Green, *Turtles All the Way Down/The Fault in Our Stars/Looking for Al*
Haddon, *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*
Watson, *Piecing Me Together*
Lynch, *Freewill*
McEwan, *The Daydreamer*
Reynolds, *Long Way Down*
Plum-Ucci, *The Body of Christopher Creed*
Iturbe, *The Librarian of Auschwitz*
Fleming, *A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea*
Lee, *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue*
Benway, *Far from The Tree*
Acevedo, *The Poet X*
Gratz, *Refugee*

GRADE 10

Alvarez, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*
Diamant, *The Red Tent*
Kerouac, *On the Road*
Malcolm X, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
Salinger, *Nine Stories*
Sanchez, *I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*
Colbert, *Little and Lion*
Gyasi, *Homegoing*
Kauer, *Milk and honey*
Westover, *Educated: A Memoir*
Alexander, *The new Jim Crow*
Roe, *A List of Cages*
Gilbert, *Picture Us in the Light*
Elston, *This is Our Story*
Castroman, *Blackhearts*

Simpson, *Touching the Void*
Sittenfeld, *Prep*
Spiegelman, *Maus*
Kolby, *Winterfolk*
McCloud, *The Sculptor*
Chazin, *A Place in the Wind*
McGuire, *Down Among the Sticks and Bones*
White, *How to Survive a Summer*
Wilson, *The Clockwork Dynasty*
Uwiringiyimana, *How Dare the Sun Rise*
Saenez, *The Inexplicable Logic of My Life*
Saedi, *Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card*
Silvera, *They Both Die at the End*
Kenmerer, *Letters to the Lost*

GRADE 11

Abbey, *The Monkey Wrench Gang*
Alexie, *Flight*
Banks, *Rule of the Bone*
Diamond, *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed**
Dubner & Levitt, *Freakonomics**
Eggers, *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*
Foer, *How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization**
Foer, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close: A Novel*
Gibson, *Neuromancer*
Gladwell, *The Tipping Point**
Guterson, *Snow Falling on Cedars*
Herbert, *Dune*
Hornby, *High Fidelity*
Jones, *Humble Boy*
Klein, *The Shock Doctrine : the Rise of Disaster Capitalism**
Krakauer, *Into Thin Air/ Into the Wild*
Liss, *Conspiracy of Paper*
Lopez, *Arctic Dreams**

McBride, *The Color of Water*
Mitchell, *Cloud Atlas*
Nafisi, *Reading Lolita in Tehran**
O'Brien, *In the Lake of the Woods*
Plath, *The Bell Jar*
Pollan, *The Botany of Desire**
Sebold, *The Lovely Bones*
Sedaris, D. *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*
Shields, *Black Planet*
Smith, *I Capture the Castle*
Staples, *Parallel Time: Growing Up in Black and White**
Stiglitz, *Globalization and Its Discontents**
Suskind, *A Hope in the Unseen*
Süskind, *Perfume*
Tartt, *The Secret History*
Toole, *Confederacy of Dunces*
Vonnegut, *Slaughterhouse Five*
Walls, *The Glass Castle*
Wolff, *Old School*

* Non-Fiction: Students entering 11AP consider these

GRADE 12

Alvarez, *In the Time of Butterflies**
Allende, *The House of Spirits**
Banks, *Cloudsplitter**
Bryson, *Notes from a Small Island*
Dick, *The Man in the High Castle*
Doyle, *A Star Called Henry**
Esquivel, *Like Water for Chocolate*
Eugenides, *Middlesex**
Foer, *Everything Is Illuminated*
Forster, *Howard's End**
Frazier, *Cold Mountain*
Gardner, *Grendel**
Haldeman, *The Forever War*
Kingsolver, *The Poisonwood Bible**
Kogowa, *Obasan**
Lahiri, *Interpreter of Maladies**

Lahiri, *The Namesake**
Lee, *Native Speaker**
Leguin, *The Dispossessed or The Left-Hand of Darkness*
Lipsyte, *Home Land*
Marcus, *Lipstick Traces: The Secret History of the 20th Century*
Marquez, *Love in the Time of Cholera**
McCarthy, *The Road**
McEwan, *Atonement/Saturday**
Moore, *Self Help*
Morrison, *Song of Solomon** or...
Patterson, *Out Stealing Horses**
Rushdie, *Midnight's Children**
Sacco, *Palestine*
Smith, *White Teeth**
Warren, *All the King's Men*
Welch, *The Heartsong of Charging Elk**

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