

## 2019 Summer Reading Choices for Students Entering 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

For the summer before your senior year,

**all incoming seniors are required to read a minimum of two books:**

<b>BOOK 1: from the list of books provided (see sheet)</b>				
Assignment:				<b>Due Friday Sept 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Read one book</b> from the list attached and <b>write a (minimum) two-hundred and fifty (250) word response</b> based on one of the prompts below.				
<b>NOTE: Make sure to note which prompt you are using at the top of the assignment</b>				
A. What is the author’s view of people/humanity/human behavior? What makes you think this? (what is this book <i>really</i> about?)	B. Choose an “essence quote”—a quote that gets at the larger ideas of the book, or a quote that resonates and sticks with you. Explain.	C. How did this book change your thinking about something that is happening in your life today, or in the larger world around you? Explain.	D. Examine and analyze the book through the lens of class, race, or gender. How does the book approach one of these major areas of criticism?	E. (fiction only) Explain how the main character changes and growth and the circumstances that account for this change. How does this change impact the larger themes of the novel?

<b>BOOK 2: of your choosing</b>	
Assignment:	<b>Due Friday September 13th</b>
<b>Read <u>one book for pleasure</u> and write a short review of the book.</b> This can be any title that catches your interest, a book you’ve been wanting to read, or an old classic you wish to reread. You may also choose a second book from the list below (They are all pretty great books).	
Write a <b>three paragraph (3)</b> response that explains:	
1. why you chose this book    2. what the book is about    3. your overall thoughts on the book	

**NOTES:**

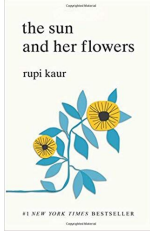
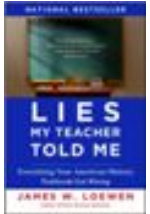
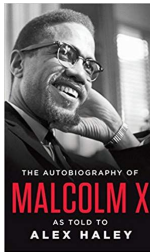

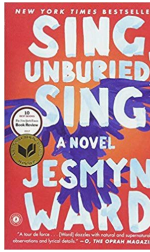
- All titles are available – new, used, and as E-books – at most online book retailers. Shop around for the cheapest price! (Used books can cost as little as \$4.00 with shipping on Amazon.)
- Before you drive to your local bookstore, call to see if it is in stock.
- The Buffalo Public Library has limited quantities of each title.
- Mr. Schutte has some copies of some of the books. Contact him (schutteg@tapestry.school.org) if you are interested in borrowing one.

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- One book for pleasure and complete a short write up relating to the book. Due Friday Sept. 13th

Book Title & Author	Description	Difficulty	Availability
<p><b>Between the World and Me</b></p> <p>Ta-Nehisi Coates</p> <p>Non-Fiction</p> 	<p>In a philosophical letter to his son, Coates addresses the way black bodies are systematically taken and destroyed in an effort to preserve a false America where some would "rather live white than live free."</p>	<p><b>Mountainous</b></p> <p>Sophisticated language and ideas.</p> <p>Published: 2015</p>	<p>At most bookstores</p> <p>Buffalo Public Library System: 15 copies</p> <p>In stock at Amazon.com</p>
<p><b>The Book of Unknown Americans</b></p> <p>Christina Henriquez</p> <p>Fiction</p> 	<p>While this novel chronicles the experience of several Spanish-speaking immigrants, it's also a teenage love story — the unlikely pairing of the socially awkward Mayor and the beautiful but brain-damaged Maribel. A lovely and tragic novel about hope, justice and the burden of blame.</p>	<p><b>Straight Ahead</b></p> <p>Has multiple narrators, which can be confusing, but mostly an easy read.</p> <p>Published: 2014</p>	<p>May need to be ordered at a bookstore.</p> <p>Buffalo Public Library System: 6 copies</p> <p>In stock at Amazon.com</p>
<p><b>In Cold Blood</b></p> <p>Truman Capote</p> <p>Non-Fiction</p> 	<p>The true story of a 1959 murder investigation of an entire family with no seeming motive and few clues. This famous book offers literate and sympathetic studies of flawed people, with a surprisingly neutral portrait of capital punishment.</p>	<p><b>Uphill</b></p> <p>Due to its subject matter, can be upsetting.</p> <p>Published: 1965</p>	<p>At most bookstores</p> <p>Buffalo Public Library System: 30 copies</p> <p>In stock at Amazon.com</p>
<p><b>Becoming</b></p> <p>Michelle Obama</p> <p>non-fiction</p> 	<p>"...Michelle Obama's [memoir] invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address."</p>	<p><b>Uphill</b></p> <p>A long book, but accessible and engaging.</p> <p>Published 2019</p>	<p>At most bookstores</p> <p>Buffalo Public Library System: Many copies, but needs to be reserved.</p> <p>In stock at Amazon.com</p>
<p><b>Golden: The Miraculous Rise of Steph Curry</b></p> <p>Marcus Thompson</p> <p>non-fiction</p> 	<p>"Golden is the first book to provide an all-access look at Steph Curry and the team that has fueled Dub Nation—by longtime Warriors beat reporter and Bay Area News Group sports columnist Marcus Thompson, the go-to expert on all things Golden State."</p>	<p><b>Straight Ahead</b></p> <p>Accessible and easy to read.</p> <p>Published 2019</p>	<p>At most bookstores</p> <p>Buffalo Public Library System: 15 copies</p> <p>In stock at Amazon.com</p>

<p><b>the sun and her flowers</b></p> <p>rupi kaur</p> <p>Poetry</p>		<p>“Divided into five chapters and illustrated by Kaur, <i>the sun and her flowers</i> is a journey of wilting, falling, rooting, rising, and blooming. A celebration of love in all its forms.”</p>	<p><b>Straight Ahead</b></p> <p>Accessible and easy to read.</p> <p>Published 2019</p>	<p>At most bookstores</p> <p><b>Buffalo Public Library System:</b> 8 copies</p> <p>In stock at <b>Amazon.com</b></p>
<p><b>Lies My Teacher Told Me</b></p> <p>James Loewen</p> <p>Non-Fiction</p>		<p>A critique of the way American history is taught in high school, revealing the many omissions and biases of our school textbooks. This book will change the way you perceive our country!</p>	<p><b>Uphill</b></p> <p>Written for adults and high school students.</p> <p>Published: 1995</p>	<p>At most bookstores</p> <p><b>Buffalo Public Library System:</b> 15 copies</p> <p>In stock at <b>Amazon.com</b></p>
<p><b>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</b></p> <p>non-fiction</p>		<p>In the searing pages of this classic autobiography, Malcolm X, the Muslim leader, firebrand, and anti-integrationist, tells the extraordinary story of his life and the growth of the Black Muslim movement. His fascinating perspective on the lies and limitations of the American Dream, and the inherent racism in a society that denies its nonwhite citizens the opportunity to dream, gives extraordinary insight into the most urgent issues of our own time.</p>	<p><b>Uphill</b></p> <p>A fascinating story that is accessible and engaging throughout. A classic.</p> <p>Published: 1965</p>	<p>At most bookstores</p> <p><b>Buffalo Public Library System:</b> 32 copies</p> <p>In stock at <b>Amazon.com</b></p> <p>Tapestry also has additional copies. See Mr. Schutte or Mr. Farrell if you are interested.</p>
<p><b>Citizen</b></p> <p>Claudia Rankine</p> <p>Poetry</p>		<p>An award-winning and powerful book of prose poems that chronicle the intentional and unintentional racism in every day transactions as well as the feelings of confusion and rage that follow.</p>	<p><b>Uphill</b></p> <p>Poetry can be challenging, but most of these poems are in prose.</p> <p>Published: 2014 169 Pages</p>	<p>At most bookstores</p> <p><b>Buffalo Public Library System:</b> 21 copies</p> <p>In stock at <b>Amazon.com</b></p> <p>Mr. Schutte also has copies if you are interested.</p>
<p><b>Sing, Unburied, Sing</b></p> <p>Jesmyn Ward</p> <p>Fiction</p>		<p>An intimate portrait of a family and an epic tale of hope and struggle, <i>Sing, Unburied, Sing</i> journeys through Mississippi’s past and present, examining the ugly truths at the heart of the American story and the power—and limitations—of family bonds.</p>	<p><b>Uphill</b></p> <p>A powerful, but challenging novel.</p> <p>Published: 2017</p>	<p>At most bookstores</p> <p><b>Buffalo Public Library System:</b> 34 copies</p> <p>In stock at <b>Amazon.com</b></p> <p>Mr. Schutte also has copies if you are interested.</p>

## Where to Get Summer Reading Books

### Buffalo Public Libraries

Central Branch 1 Lafayette Square Buffalo, NY 14203-1887 716-858-8900	Frank Merriweather 1324 Jefferson Avenue Buffalo, NY 14208 716-883-4418	Crane Library 633 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14222 716-883-6651
East Clinton 1929 Clinton Street Buffalo, NY 14206 716-823-5626	East Delevan Branch 1187 E. Delavan Avenue Buffalo, NY 14215 716-896-4433	Dudley Branch 2010 South Park Avenue Buffalo, NY 14220 716-823-1854
North Park Branch 2351 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, NY 14216	Niagara Branch 280 Porter Avenue Buffalo, NY 14201 716-882-1537 (phone)	

### Book Stores

Talking Leaves Books 951 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo (716) 884-9524	Barnes and Noble Boulevard Mall 1565 Niagara Falls Blvd Suite 1, Amherst, NY - (716) 837-7209
West Side Stories (used books) 205 Grant Street Buffalo, NY 14213 (716) 803-8173	Rust Belt Books (used books) 415 Grant Street Buffalo, NY 14213 (716) 885-9535

### Online Options

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

[www.powells.com](http://www.powells.com)

[www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com)

[www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)

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\*Tapestry is offering assistance to families that have difficulties (financial or other) getting the summer reading books. Please ask if you would like help.

