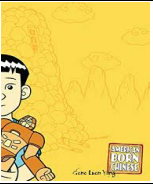

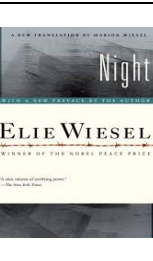
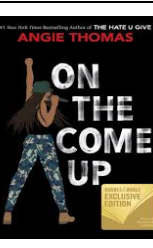

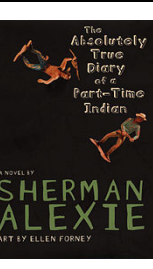



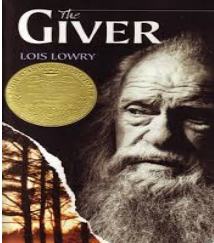
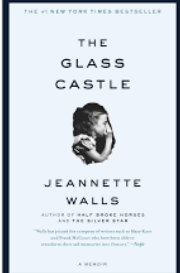
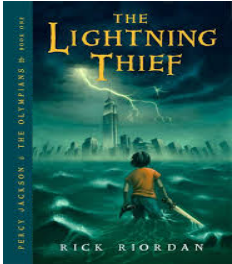

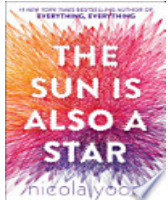


2020-2021 9th Grade Summer Reading List

All students are **required to read one** of the following books. There will be graded assessments to complete at the start of the school year that will require familiarity with the book. Books can be purchased through Amazon, Barnes & Noble or borrowed from the public library.

Disclaimer: Some selections are focused toward mature readers. We encourage parents to read the book descriptions carefully with their children and assist them in selecting interesting, appropriate titles for their summer reading.

Book Title and Author		Description
<i>American Born Chinese</i> Gene Luen Yang Graphic Novel/Fiction		This is a graphic novel written by Gene Luen Yang. It follows three main storylines that converge in the end. Each one focuses on a character who feels judged. The story features many Chinese stereotypes and insults prevalent in America throughout the twentieth century.
<i>I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter</i> Erika Sánchez Young adult fiction		<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i> meets <i>Jane the Virgin</i> in this poignant but often laugh-out-loud funny contemporary YA about losing a sister and finding yourself amid the pressures, expectations, and stereotypes of growing up in a Mexican American home.
<i>Night</i> Elie Wiesel Memoir/ personal narrative		<i>Night</i> is a work by Elie Wiesel about his experience with his father in the Nazi German concentration camps at Auschwitz and Buchenwald in 1944–1945, at the height of the Holocaust toward the end of the Second World War.
<i>On the Come Up</i> Angie Thomas Young adult Fiction		<i>On The Come Up</i> tells the story of Bri, a sixteen-year old rapper hoping to fill the shoes of her father and 'make it' as an underground hip-hop legend. Overnight, Bri becomes an internet sensation after posting a rap hit which sparks controversy. As Bri defeats the odds to 'make it' she battles controversy to achieve her dreams. It is set in the same universe (Garden Heights) as Thomas' first book <i>The Hate U Give</i> .
<i>One of Us Is Lying</i> Karen McManus Young adult fiction / Mystery		The Breakfast Club meets <i>Pretty Little Liars</i> , <i>One of Us Is Lying</i> is the story of what happens when five strangers walk into detention and only four walk out alive. Everyone is a suspect, and everyone has something to hide. Pay close attention and you might solve this.
<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian</i> Sherman Alexie Fiction		Leaving the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white high school, Junior struggles to find his place in his new surroundings in order to escape his destiny back on the reservation.

<p><i>The Fault In Our Stars</i> John Green Young adult fiction / Romance</p>		<p><i>The Fault In Our Stars</i> is a book about a young teenage girl who has been diagnosed with lung cancer and attends a cancer support group. Hazel is 16 and is reluctant to go to the support group, but she soon realises that it was a good idea. Hazel meets a young boy named Augustus Waters.</p>
<p><i>The Giver</i> Lois Lowry Young adult dystopian / Science fiction</p>		<p><i>The Giver</i> is a story of a brilliant boy named Jonas who happens to live in a society that is being controlled by the rules and tradition of The Elders. Through his wisdom and mannerism, Jonas is selected as the Receiver of Memory, a post that distinguishes him from others and gives him authority.</p>
<p><i>The Glass Castle</i> Jeannette Walls Memoir</p>		<p>The book recounts the unconventional, poverty-stricken upbringing Jeannette and her siblings had at the hands of their deeply dysfunctional parents. The title refers to her father's long held intention of building his dream house, a glass castle.</p>
<p><i>The Lightning Thief</i> Rick Riordan Fantasy / Young adult fiction</p>		<p>Always trouble-prone, the life of teenager Percy Jackson (Logan Lerman) gets a lot more complicated when he learns he's the son of the Greek god Poseidon. At a training ground for the children of deities, Percy learns to harness his divine powers and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime: he must prevent a feud among the Olympians from erupting into a devastating war on Earth, and rescue his mother from the clutches of Hades, god of the underworld.</p>
<p><i>The Outsiders</i> S.E. Hinton Young adult fiction / Drama</p>		<p>In Ponyboy's world there are two types of people. There are the Socs, the rich society kids who get away with anything. Then there are the greasers, like Ponyboy, who aren't so lucky. Ponyboy has a few things he can count on: his older brothers, his friends, and trouble with the Socs, whose idea of a good time is beating up greasers. At least he knows what to expect-until the night things go too far.</p>
<p><i>The Sun Is Also a Star</i> Nicola Yoon Young adult fiction</p>		<p><i>The Sun is Also a Star</i> is a young adult romance novel by Nicola Yoon which delves into questions of God, love, and fate, as Jamaican-American Natasha meets and falls in love with Korean-American Daniel on the day she is due to be deported.</p>