



Rising 9th Grade Language Arts

Summer Reading at Brookwood HS



Summer reading provides an opportunity to enhance your reading skills and enjoy books that you've selected. To prepare for the new school year, you will be required to read one book over the summer, choosing from the list provided and completing the assignment attached. This assignment will be incorporated into our first unit in August.

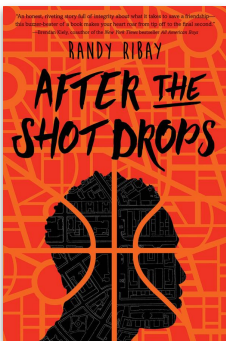
The below list reflects a range of student interests and readability levels—including a mix of popular young adult titles and modern classics, both fiction and non-fiction. Each book on the list is accompanied by a brief summary.

The book list includes some titles containing mature themes and content. Thus, we strongly encourage parents and guardians to review the books that students have selected for their summer reading prior to the books being read. Several websites, including www.commonsemmedia.org and www.goodreads.com offer reviews to help parents and students make the appropriate selection.

In addition to purchasing books at your preferred store, we have also included accessible links for some of the titles. You can also download the Libby App to electronically check out books using the GCPS school library card.

Instructions: <https://tinyurl.com/8t374zji>

Fiction



After the Shot Drops by Randy Ribay

A powerful novel about friendship, basketball, and one teen's mission to create a better life for his family. Told from alternating perspectives, this is a heart-pounding story about the responsibilities of great talent and the importance of compassion.

*Available for checkout on Libby App



The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe

Based on the experience of real-life Auschwitz prisoner Dita Kraus, this is the incredible story of a girl who risked her life to keep the magic of books alive during the Holocaust.

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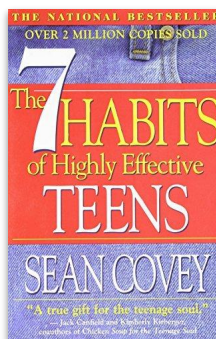


Scythe by Neal Shusterman

A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.

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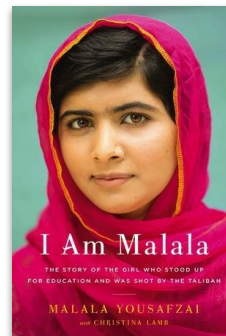
Non-Fiction



The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey

Being a teenager is both wonderful and challenging. This step-by-step guide helps teens improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, get along with their parents, and much more.

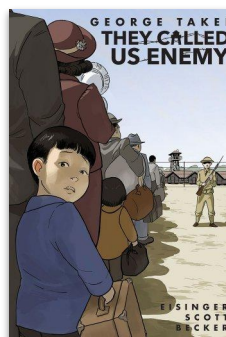
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I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. This is her compelling story.

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They Called Us Enemy by George Takei

A graphic memoir recounting actor/author/activist George Takei's childhood imprisoned within American concentration camps during World War II. Experience the forces that shaped not only Takei, but America itself.

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Important Quotes Assignment Directions

You will record at least 10 significant quotes (see graphic organizer attached) on your chosen book.

Each entry should include:

- a quote
- the page number on which it is found
- a 2-3 sentence analysis of why the quote is significant in your own words.

For example, the quote might capture a key moment within the plot, reveal the personality of a major character, or include well-crafted figurative language or important symbolism. The passage may inspire thought, draw an emotional connection, or have a personal connection to your own life.

Whatever the reason, explain why the quote matters and/or your reason for selecting it. The quotations should be kept in the order in which they appear in the book.

Be sure to include page numbers for all evidence that you collect. Your evidence should be thoughtful and thorough, as you will write an essay after completing your reading using your recordings to help support your claims.

Example:

Page	Direct Quote	Significance
58	"Better to be hurt by the truth than comforted with a lie."	In this quote, Baba comments about the jealousy many Afghans feel when their country is not perceived as a world power. The passage reveals not only Baba's character as a realist, but a universal truth: that those who allow themselves to be pacified by lies end up hurt and disillusioned.

IMPORTANT QUOTES 1-5

As you read, record 10 important quotations from the text. Choose quotes that capture key plot, character, or theme developments; include well-crafted language or important symbolism; or draw an emotional or personal connection to your own life. Explain the significance of each quote in 2-3 sentences. NOTE: This assignment is front and back.

Book Title:

Author:

Page	Direct Quote	Significance

IMPORTANT QUOTES 6-10

As you read, record 10 important quotations from the text. Choose quotes that capture key plot, character, or theme developments; include well-crafted language or important symbolism; or draw an emotional or personal connection to your own life. Explain the significance of each quote in 2-3 sentences.

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Your Rating of the Book:

