10th-GRADE ENGLISH

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT 2019-2020

Essential Question for 10th-grade English: What does it take for individuals to navigate their oppressive and challenging circumstances?

Next year we will read and write about characters who are pushed to their limits. We will discuss and reflect on their vulnerability and courage as they attempt to survive their world. This summer reading assignment will ignite your thinking on these issues.

Overall Assignment

1. Read 1 book from the list AND at least 2 IR books of ~250 pages (or more) each. (Note that this is a total of at least 3 books!)
2. Complete one typed written assignment from the “Writing Menu” for each book. (Note that this is a total of 3 writing assignments!)

Writing Menu

For each of the books you read (minimum of 3), complete one of the following typed writing assignments. Each assignment should be approximately 200-300 words, or 2-3 good sized paragraphs. Make sure to label each of your assignments with the title and author of the book!

DUE Date: All written assignments are handed in on paper, typed, on the first day you arrive to school. Students must bring in a signed letter from parents.

1. Type a letter to one of the major characters of the book. Tell him/her what you respect or do not respect about them or their actions.

2. Write a diary entry from the perspective of the main character (pretend you are him/her). Your diary entry should be about what you believe to be the most important event that happens to the character in the book.

3. Write the transcript of an interview with the main character (protagonist), a supporting character or antagonist, and an interviewer. The interviewer can be you, or a real-life talk show host (Oprah, Tyra, Steve Harvey, Ellen Degeneres, Michael Fallen, Seth Myers) or another fictional character. *This option should be at least 1 full page*


5. Pop-up popcorn - Choose a significant quote and discuss its meaning.
Typing Format

- Use 12-point Times New Roman Font.
- Type double spaced (single spaced for option # 3)
- Use the heading below:

Your First and Last Name
Summer Reading
Grade 10
Date

Science Skills Summer Reading Website: sschs.libguides.com/summerreading

List of Titles

***Be sure to thoroughly check and test out a book before buying/borrowing it to make sure it is at a proper reading level for you. Some of these books are more difficult than others!***

**Fantasy/Science Fiction/Graphic Novel:**

**Love Is The Drug** by Alaya Dawn Johnson: Emily Bird has the perfect hair, boyfriend, and a perfect Ivy-League future. But after a party for Washington D.C.’s elite, she wakes up in a hospital, days later, with no memory of the end of the night. Meanwhile, the world has fallen apart. There is a deadly flu virus sweeping the nation.

**The Living** by Matt de la Peña: While Shy is working on a cruise ship, a massive earthquake hits California and sends a tsunami out to sea with disastrous consequences.

**Throne of Glass** by Sarah J. Maas: Assassin Celaena must fight to the death to become the Champion of the king, a man she has sworn to kill.

**The Shadow Hero** (Graphic Novel) by Gene Luen Yang: When gangsters threaten his family in 1930s Chinatown, Hank Chu fights back by becoming a new hero.

**1984** by George Orwell- A nightmarish vision in 1949 of the world we were becoming. It is a dystopia, or “negative utopia.”

**Brave New World** by Aldous Huxley is a classic science fiction work that continues to be a significant warning to our society today.

**Lock In** by John Scalzi: Scientists who developed a virtual reality world for people who are paralyzed find there are unexpected consequences.

**The Scorpion Rules** by Erin Bow: Greta questions her role as a Child of Peace and the artificial intelligence that uses hostages to maintain world order.

**Killer of Enemies** by Joseph Bruchac: Lozen hunts monsters in hopes of freeing her family in a post-apocalyptic world.
Contemporary Fiction/Historical Fiction:

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng: A profoundly moving story of family, secrets, and longing, Everything I Never Told You is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives, to understand one another.

The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henriquez: The Rivera family confronts cultural barriers when they move from Mexico to the U.S. to find help for their daughter’s difficult recovery from a traumatic brain injury.

Ruby by Cynthia Bond: An African-American woman survives her sordid past and the southern town bent on her destruction through the power of love.

None Of The Above by I.W. Gregorio: A teenage girl discovers she was born inter-sex…and what happens when her secret is revealed to the entire school. This is a novel that explores what it means to be a boy, a girl, or something in between.

Written in the Stars by Aisha Saeed: This novel explores what it is like to be thrust in an unwanted marriage. Has Naila’s fate been written in the stars or can she still make her own destiny?

Lies My Girlfriend Told Me by Julie Anne Peters: When Alix’s girlfriend, Swanee, dies from sudden cardiac arrest, Alix is overcome with despair. But when she finds Swanee’s cell phone with lots of texts from another girl, she pretends to be Swanee to get information their relationship.

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli: A classmate threatens to out Simon and his profoundly private online boyfriend.

Dumplin’ by Julie Murphy: Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean reclaims her confidence with her misfit friends when she enters her Texas town’s beauty pageant.

Bone Gap by Laura Ruby Finn was the only person to see Roza’s abduction, but no one believes him.

Tiny Pretty Things by Sona Charaipotra & Dhonielle Clayton Ballerinas backstab, sacrifice, and manipulate to be the best.

Otherbound by Corinne Duyvis When Nolan closes his eyes he is drawn into Amara’s mind and her dangerous world.

Charlie, Presumed Dead by Anne Heltzel Two girls discover Charlie’s betrayal at his funeral and together search for answers.
X: A Novel by Illyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon The story of how Malcolm Little became Malcolm X.

Nonfiction/Memoir/Autobiography:

Beyond Magenta by Susan Kuklin: Six candid glimpses into the lives of transgender and gender non-conforming teens.

Diary of a Tokyo Teen by Christine Inzer: A Japanese-American girl travels to the land of trendy fashion, high-tech toilets and maid cafes.

Manchild in the Promised Land by Claude Brown: A boy who survives the toughest streets of Harlem becomes a man.

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls: In The Glass Castle, Walls chronicles her upbringing at the hands of eccentric, nomadic parents—Rose Mary, her frustrated-artist mother, and Rex, her brilliant, alcoholic father.

The Pregnancy Project: A Memoir by Gaby Rodriguez with Jenna Glatzer: How would your family, school and friends react if you got pregnant? Gaby decides to find out.

Just Like Us by Helen Thorpe: Just Like Us tells the story of four high school students whose parents entered this country illegally from Mexico.