

10th Grade Summer Reading:

For your summer reading, please choose a book from the 10th grade reading list (See below). While you are reading, choose 5 pieces of text evidence (quotes) from the book. These passages should be key moments from the book. Be sure to include the page numbers, and make sure you write the text evidence word for word.

This does not need to be typed, but it is due on the first day of school.

Enjoy your summer.

10th Grade Fiction

Fighting Ruben Wolfe

Markus Zusak, A.A. Levine Books, 2001

Cameron and Ruben Wolfe come from a family clinging to the ragged edge of the working class. To make money, the boys hook up with a sleazy fight promoter who sees something marketable in the untrained brothers' vulnerability. But the Wolfe brothers are fighting for more than tips and pay-off money. It soon becomes a fight for identity, for dignity, and for each other.

The Rock and the River

Kekla Magoon, Aladdin, 2009

In 1968 Chicago, it's not easy for thirteen-year-old Sam to be the son of known civil rights activist Roland Childs. Especially when his older brother, Stick, starts keeping to himself. Then, one day, Sam finds something under Stick's bed that changes everything: literature about the Black Panthers. Suddenly, nothing feels certain anymore. And when Dr. King is shot and killed, Sam's father's words are no longer enough to make him believe in change....This moving, coming-of-age story gracefully encompasses the scope of the struggle between the civil rights and black power movements through an intimate and relatable lens.

The Rule of Three

Eric Walters. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015

One shocking afternoon, computers around the globe shut down in a viral catastrophe. Driving home, Adam encounters a storm tide of anger and fear as the region becomes paralyzed. As resources dwindle, crises mount, and chaos descends, he will see his suburban neighborhood band together for protection and survival.

Prisoner B-3087

Alan Gratz and Ruth and Jack Gruener. Scholastic, 2014

This book follows the life of 10-year-old Yanek Gruener living in Nazi-occupied Krakow. He is deported to the Plaszow concentration camp, the first of 10 camps that he will suffer through but survive. Based on a true story, this is a heartbreaking story of resilience and survival.

The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge. Amulet Books, 2016. 384 p. Winner of the Costa Book Award. Starred reviews from Booklist, Horn Books, Kirkus, and Publishers Weekly.

Everything in this audacious novel is on the cusp or in limbo, setting up delicious tensions and thematic riches. The time is nineteenth-century England just after Darwin's theory of evolution has thrown the scientific world into turmoil; the setting is the fictional island of Vane, between land and sea; the main character is a fourteen-year-old girl caught between society's expectations and her fierce desire to be a scientist... Hardinge maintains masterful control of the whole complex construct: everything from the sentence level on up to the larger philosophical and political questions.

Godless by Pete Hautman (local). Simon and Schuster, 2005. 208 p. National Book Award Winner.

Fed up with his parents' boring old religion, agnostic-going-on-atheist Jason Bock invents a new god — the town's water tower. He recruits an unlikely group of worshippers: his snail-farming best friend, Shin, cute-as-a-button (whatever *that* means) Magda Price, and the violent and unpredictable Henry Stagg. As their religion grows, it takes on a life of its own. While Jason struggles to keep the faith pure, Shin obsesses over writing their bible, and the explosive Henry schemes to make the new faith even more exciting — and dangerous.

When the Chutengodians hold their first ceremony high atop the dome of the water tower, things quickly go from merely dangerous to terrifying and deadly. Jason soon realizes that inventing a religion is a lot easier than controlling it, but control it he must, before his creation destroys both his friends and himself.

10th Grade Nonfiction

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club. Hoose, Phillip.

Farrar, Straus Giroux for Young Readers, an imprint of Farrar, Straus Giroux, 2015. 198 p. Winner of [Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal](#)

Ashamed of the Danish government's response to the German occupation during World War II, Knud Pedersen and his brother organize a secret group named the Churchill Club to resist the Nazis in dangerous acts of sabotage. Eventually the teens are imprisoned, but their bravery sparks further resistance efforts in Denmark. Hoose interviewed Pedersen and his voice resonates throughout this compelling narrative.