

## English 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading:

For your summer reading, please choose a book from the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 List

### Nonfiction

#### **Eagle Blue (Alex Award winner)**

##### **Michael D'Orso**

In the tradition of Friday Night Lights , an extraordinary journey into the basketball-crazed culture of remote Arctic Alaska . The village of Fort Yukon sits eight miles above the Arctic Circle, deep in Alaska's "bush" country. The six hundred men, women and children who live there--almost all of them Athabascan Gwich'in Natives--have little to cheer for. Their traditional Indian ways of life are rapidly vanishing in the face of a modern culture that is closing in on all sides, threatening to destroy their community and their identity. The one source of pride they can count on is their boys' high school basketball team--the Fort Yukon Eagles. Eagle Blue follows the Eagles, winners of six regional championships in a row, through the course of an entire 28-game season, from their first day of practice in late November to the Alaska State Championship Tournament in March. With insight, frankness, and compassion, Michael D'Orso climbs into the lives of these fourteen boys, their families, and their coach, shadowing them through an Arctic winter of fifty-below-zero temperatures and near-round-the-clock darkness as the Eagles criss-cross Alaska by air, van, and snow machine in pursuit of their--and their village's--dream.

#### ***Every Falling Star, Memoir***

##### **Sungju Lee,**

Every Falling Star, the first book to portray contemporary North Korea to a young audience, is the intense memoir of a North Korean boy named Sungju who is forced at age twelve to live on the streets and fend for himself. To survive, Sungju creates a gang and lives by thieving, fighting, begging, and stealing rides on cargo trains. Sungju richly re-creates his scabrous story, depicting what it was like for a boy alone to create a new family with his gang, his 'brothers'; to be hungry and to fear arrest, imprisonment, and even execution. This riveting memoir allows young readers to learn about other cultures where freedoms they take for granted do not exist

## **Fiction**

### **American Street**

**Ibi Zoboi**

On the corner of American Street and Joy Road, Fabiola Toussaint thought she would finally find *une belle vie*—a good life. But after they leave Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Fabiola's mother is detained by U.S. immigration, leaving Fabiola to navigate her loud American cousins, Chantal, Donna, and Princess; the grittiness of Detroit's west side; a new school; and a surprising romance, all on her own. Just as she finds her footing in this strange new world, a dangerous proposition presents itself, and Fabiola soon realizes that freedom comes at a cost. Trapped at the crossroads of an impossible choice, will she pay the price for the American dream?

### **The Rock and the River**

**Kekla Magoon**

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**

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**

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.

### **Watched**

**Marina Budhos**

Moving quickly throughout his Queens immigrant neighborhood to avoid the watchful eyes of his hardworking Bangladeshi parents, their gossipy neighbors and surveillance cameras mounted everywhere, charismatic but troubled youth Naeem is offered a deal by the cops to become a community protector in ways that challenge his sense of identity.