

# Troy School District Summer Reading Program – 9 Honors 2020

*"Summer reading is about holding a book in your hands. . . Summer reading is about kicking off shoes, staying up much too late, reading all day with no one caring that's what you're doing. It's about rushing through one to get to the next or lingering as long as you want. It's about vicarious experiences that let us become a girl in an attic, a boy in the wilderness, a kite runner in a far-away land." --Kyleen Beers*

Reading Assignment for 9H Students: This is required for EACH student entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English.

Our goal is for students to continue reading over the summer to prevent the summer slide, be better prepared for standardized tests, and to foster a love of reading. Two engaging books have been chosen for students to read that support their study of theme and author's style. Students will also select an additional book that appeals to their individual interests. Please assist them in this selection process as you know their reading and maturity level.

- ❖ All students will read ***The Help* by Kathryn Stockett** and ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon**. We recommend, if possible, buying a copy of the books and annotating as you read.
- ❖ In addition, all students will select and read one additional text from the attached list.
- ❖ Students will use their knowledge of these texts to learn how to write formal papers with high school expectations. They will also be expected to synthesize thematic ideas from other texts that we will read throughout the year.
- ❖ To prepare for these formal papers, students must complete the 9H Summer Reading Graphic Organizer for each of the three books that they read. This organizer is located at the end of this document. **This work will be due by the end of the second week of school.**


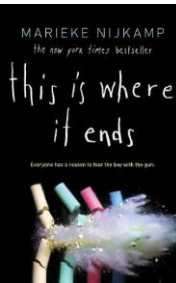
Where do I get the books?

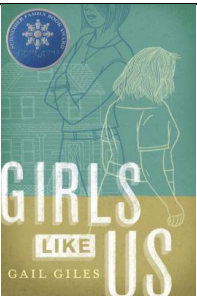
- ❖ New/used books can be purchased through amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, thriftbooks.com, and half.com.
- ❖ Ebooks can be purchased through many online stores, including the Amazon bookstore, iTunes, or via the iBooks app.
- ❖ Please note: while you may borrow the book from the Troy Public Library, the supply is limited, AND, more importantly, owning the books in either paperback or e-reader format will allow necessary access to the texts during the first few weeks of school.

We look forward to beginning the school year with students who have read and enjoyed three good pieces of literature.

Sincerely,

The 9 Honors Teaching Team  
Athens High School  
Troy High School

Book Cover	Book Title	Author	Summary
	<i>Orbiting Jupiter</i> (realistic fiction)	Gary Schmidt	Jack, I2, tells the gripping story of Joseph, I4, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.
	<i>Red Queen</i> (Fantasy)	Victoria Aveyard	In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help a growing Red rebellion...
	<i>This is Where it Ends</i> (Realistic Fiction)	Marieke Nijkamp	Minutes after the principal of Opportunity High School in Alabama finishes her speech welcoming the student body to a new semester, they discover that the auditorium doors will not open and someone starts shooting as four teens, each with a personal reason to fear the shooter, tell the tale from separate perspectives.
	<i>After the Red Rain</i> (Science Fiction/Mystery)	Barry Lyga	On the ruined planet Earth, Deedra has been handed a bleak existence by the Magistrate she works so hard for. But one day she comes across a beautiful boy named Rose struggling to cross the river. Just as the two form a bond, it is quickly torn apart after the Magistrate's son is murdered and Rose becomes the prime suspect. Little do Deedra and Rose know how much their relationship will affect the fate of everyone on the planet.
	<i>The Selection</i> (Science Fiction)	Kiera Cass	Sixteen-year-old America Singer is living in the caste-divided nation of Illea, which formed after the war that destroyed the United States. America is chosen to compete in the Selection--a contest to see which girl can win the heart of Illea's prince--but all she really wants is a chance for a future with her secret love, Aspen, who is a caste below her.

	<p><b><i>Hey, Kiddo</i></b> (graphic novel, memoir)</p>	<p>Jarrett J. Krosoczka</p>	<p>In kindergarten, Jarrett Krosoczka's teacher asks him to draw his family, with a mommy and a daddy. But Jarrett's family is much more complicated than that. His mom is an addict, in and out of rehab, and in and out of Jarrett's life. His father is a mystery -- Jarrett doesn't know where to find him, or even what his name is. Jarrett lives with his grandparents -- two very loud, very loving, very opinionated people who had thought they were through with raising children until Jarrett came along.</p>
	<p><b><i>The Novice</i></b> (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Taran Mtharu</p>	<p>When blacksmith apprentice Fletcher discovers that he has the ability to summon demons from another world, he travels to Adept Military Academy where must decide where his loyalties lie. The fate of an empire is in his hands.</p>
	<p><b><i>I Am Malala</i></b> (Non-fiction)</p>	<p>Malala Yousafzai</p>	<p>"On the ninth of October 2012, the Taliban shot me on the left side of my forehead. They shot my friends, too. They thought that the bullets would silence us. But they failed." An activist for women's rights and girls' education since childhood, Malala Yousafzai proves that people are never too young to have a voice or stand up for their beliefs, and that kids can make a big impact on the world.</p>
	<p><b><i>The Fixer</i></b> (Suspense/Realistic Fiction)</p>	<p>Jennifer Lynn Barnes</p>	<p>When her grandfather develops dementia, sixteen-year-old Tess, who has been keeping his Montana ranch going, is whisked away to Washington, D.C., by a sister she barely knows and thrown into a world of politics, power, wealth, love triangles, and family secrets.</p>
	<p><b><i>Girls Like Us</i></b> (Realistic Fiction)</p>	<p>Gail Giles</p>	<p>Graduating from their school's special education program, Quincy and Biddy are placed together in their first independent apartment and discover unexpected things they have in common in the face of past challenges and a harrowing trauma.</p>

	<p><i><b>I Am Number Four</b></i> (Science Fiction)</p>	<p>Pittacus Lore</p>	<p>In rural Ohio, friendships and a beautiful girl prove distracting to a fifteen-year-old who has hidden on Earth for ten years waiting to develop the Legacies, or powers, he will need to rejoin the other six surviving Garde members and fight the Mogadorians who destroyed their planet, Lorien.</p>
	<p><i><b>Snow Like Ashes</b></i> (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Sara Raasch</p>	<p>Orphaned Meira, a fierce chakram-wielding warrior from the Kingdom of Winter, must struggle to free her people from the tyranny of an opposing kingdom while also protecting her own destiny.</p>
	<p><i><b>The Raven Boys</b></i> (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Maggie Stiefvater</p>	<p>Though she is from a family of clairvoyants, Blue Sargent's only gift seems to be that she makes other people's talents stronger, and when she meets Gansey, one of the Raven Boys from the expensive Aglionby Academy, she discovers that he has talents of his own--and that together their talents are a dangerous mix.</p>
	<p><i><b>The Testing</b></i> (Science Fiction /Dystopian)</p>	<p>Joelle Charbonneau</p>	<p>Sixteen-year-old Malencia (Cia) Vale is chosen to participate in The Testing to attend the University; however, Cia is fearful when she figures out her friends who do not pass The Testing are disappearing.</p>
	<p><i><b>Avalon</b></i> (Science Fiction)</p>	<p>Mindee Arnett</p>	<p>Seventeen-year-old Jeth Seagrave, the leader of a ragtag team of teenage mercenaries, skirts the line between honor and the law in an attempt to win freedom for his sister and himself in the form of their parents' old spaceship, Avalon.</p>

	<i>Infinity</i> (Fantasy)	Sherrilyn Kenyon	After fourteen-year-old Nick makes enemies of his friends for refusing to mug an innocent tourist, he takes up with Kyrian of Thrace, a vampire slayer and Dark-Hunter who introduces Nick to a dangerous world where he must find strength within himself to survive battles with demons.
	<i>Legend</i> (Science fiction/ Dystopian)	Marie Lu	In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.
	<i>How Dare the Sun Rise</i> (Non-fiction)	Sandra Uwiringiyimana	The greatest storytellers connect with readers through universal truths, and Uwiringiyimana tells her own profound story with clarity and honesty. The resulting narrative is a powerful look at the family's move to the United States, the challenges of adjusting to a different culture, Uwiringiyimana's painful recognition of her trauma from the massacre, and, finally, the healing she experienced as she took ownership of her emotional needs.
	<i>Shatter Me</i> (Science Fiction)	Tahereh Mafi	Ostracized or incarcerated her whole life, seventeen-year-old Juliette is freed on the condition that she use her horrific abilities in support of The Reestablishment, a post-apocalyptic dictatorship, but Adam, the only person ever to show her affection, offers hope of a better future.
	<i>The Scorpio Races</i> (Fantasy)	Maggie Stiefvater	Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.
	<i>Virals</i> (Science Fiction)	Kathy Reichs	Tory Brennan and her friends are exposed to a canine parvovirus when they rescue a dog from a medical testing facility and soon realize they have heightened senses, which they use to solve a cold case murder.



	<i><b>Troy High</b></i> (Realistic Fiction)	Shana Norris	Best friends Cassie and Greg get caught in the middle of a decades-old football rivalry between their high school teams, the Spartans and the Trojans, in this novel loosely based on Homer's classic tale, The Iliad.
	<i><b>Gutless</b></i> (Realistic Sports Fiction)	Carl Deuker	The wide receiver best able to hang on to his quarterback's passes, Brock Ripley would be a star for the varsity team – if he could just bring himself to put his body on the line. But he can't. Just like he can't bring himself to stand up for his friend Richard Fang, who has been targeted by the quarterback. As events spiral out of control, Brock is faced with a true test of character. Can he find the courage to step up and do what is right?
	<i><b>This Is Our Story</b></i> (Mystery)	Ashley Elston	In an after-party haze of alcohol and drugs, five best friends go hunting in the River Point woods – only four return. When a hunting accident claims Grant's life, his best friends all come under suspicion.
	<i><b>Tell Me Three Things</b></i> (Realistic Fiction)	Julie Buxbaum	It's been barely two years since her mother's death, and because her father eloped with a woman he met online, Jessie has been forced to move across the country. Just when she's thinking that she can't handle all of this, she gets an email from a person calling themselves Somebody/Nobody (SN for short), offering to help her get used to Wood Valley High School. Is it an elaborate hoax? Or can she rely on SN for some much-needed help?
	<i><b>The Shadow Queen</b></i> (Fairy-Tale Retelling)	C.J. Redwine	This retelling of Snow White follows the adventures of Lorelai, an exiled princess who is being pursued by a magic-wielding prince serving as the personal huntsman for evil queen Irina, who has charged him with bringing her Lorelai's heart.
	<i><b>The Boy at the Top of the Mountain</b></i> (Historical Fiction)	John Boyne	When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave his home in Paris for a new life with his Aunt Beatrix, a servant in a wealthy household at the top of the German mountains. But this is no ordinary time, for it is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching; and this is no ordinary house, for this is the Berghof, the home of Adolf Hitler.

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## 9 H SUMMER READING GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

**Directions:** As you are reading your novels, fill out **one graphic organizer for each book**. The more detailed you are, the more helpful this graphic organizer will be. Once you return from summer break, you will be expected to write an essay about your book.

Title:		
Author:		
Published:		
Genre:		
POV:		
Setting/Atmosphere:		
Major Characters (don't forget a brief description of the character):		
Minor Characters:		
Significance of Title:		