



## English Department West Seneca West Senior High School

June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of English 10 Students:

Reading during the summer develops lifelong reading habits and it is an important part of West Senior's English curriculum.

Summer reading for the 2023 school year is mandatory. During the summer, students must read one of the books listed on the attached page. Students will complete a written assessment in English class during the first week of school. We recommend students take notes while reading their book and/or bring their book to class the first week.

Each grade level has a different list, so students should be sure to choose from the list that corresponds to the grade level they are entering in September. *Students entering Grade 9 Honors, Grade 10 Honors, English IV Enriched and AP/Hilbert 12H have a different assignment.* Students who are enrolled in one of those classes in the fall but did not receive the assignment specific to that class can access the correct assignment on West Senior's website under *School Resources* and then under *English Summer Reading*.

The books on the list cover a wide range of reading levels and genres. If needed, students can receive help selecting a book from the list by speaking to their English teacher or Mrs. Knaze, West Senior's school librarian, before the end of school in June. While students may want to purchase a copy of the book to bring it to school in September, it is also possible to borrow the book from the library. Depending on availability, students can check out their selected book from West Senior's library before school ends in June or borrow it from the public library. An electronic copy of the book may be obtained using SORA, accessible through the West Senior library's web site at <http://wswshs.wscschools.libguides.com/home>, or through the West Seneca Public Library's catalog of ebooks and via Overdrive at [https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en\\_US/default](https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default). If students are borrowing a book/e-book from the library, they should take notes as they read to review before the in-class written assessment. *Students will not be permitted to use their phones to access ebooks or notes.*

We believe this program will enhance our students' reading skills. If students have any questions during the summer, they can email their previous English teacher or [jschubring@wscschools.org](mailto:jschubring@wscschools.org) or [pcarlone@wscschools.org](mailto:pcarlone@wscschools.org). We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to an exciting and successful school year!

Sincerely,

The Faculty of the West Seneca West English Department  
**Summer Reading List for Students Entering English 10, 2023**

## Teen Issues

- *Dirty Liar* by Brian James
- *Looks* by Madeleine George
- *Shabanu* by Suzanne Fisher Staples

## Sports

- *Breathless* by Lurlene McDaniel
- *Training Camp: What the Best Do Better than Everyone Else* by Jon Gordon

## Adventure

- *The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson
- *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer

## Fantasy/Other Worlds

- *Night Road* by A.M. Jenkins
- *Gone* by Michael Grant

## Science & Technology

- *Carve the Mark* by Veronica Roth
- *The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson

## Romance

- *This Lullaby* by Sarah Dessen
- *Perfect Chemistry* by Simone Elkeles

## Historical Fiction

- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly
- *Dreamland Burning* by Jennifer Latham

## Mystery/Suspense/Thrillers

- *The Morgue and Me* by John C. Ford
- *Me, the Missing, and the Dead* by Jenny Valentine

## Friendships

- *Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky
- *Remembering Raquel* by Vivian Vande Velde

## Social Issues

- *The Inside of Out* by Jenn Marie Thorne
- *After* by Amy Efav

## Guy Stuff

- *Dirt Bikes, Drones, and Other Ways to Fly* by Conrad Wesselhoeft
- *Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis* by Pete Nelson

## Non-Fiction

- *Real Justice – Sentenced to Life at Seventeen – The Story of David Milgaard* by Cynthia Faryon
- *Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition* by Karen Blumenthal
- *We Are Not Broken* by George M. Johnson

## Classics

- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles