

# WYOMISSING AREA JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## English Department Summer Reading List

**Summer 2020**

**Due to the pandemic, summer reading for this year only will be for enrichment purposes. We strongly encourage students to read the book(s) designated for the English course for which they have been recommended for the 2020-2021 school year.**

**(Highlighted titles are new for this year.)**

### Entering grade 7 English: (Choose 1)

- *The Honest Truth* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *One For the Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *Eight Keys* by Suzanne LaFleur
- *Half a World Away* by Cynthia Kadohata
- *Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

### Entering grade 8 English

Accelerated: *1919: The Year That Changed America* by Martin W. Sandler

Academic (Choose 1)

- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda
- *The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall
- *A Time to Dance* by Padma Venkatraman
- *Zach's Lie* by Roland Smith

### Entering grade 9 English

Honors (Choose 1)

- *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green
- *Challenger Deep* by Neal Shusterman
- *Boy21* by Matthew Quick
- *The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B* by Teresa Toten

Academic (Choose 1)

- *Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green
- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth

Comprehensive (Choose 1)

- *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Nothing but the Truth* by Avi
- *Whirligig* by Paul Fleischman

## Entering grade 10 English

Honors: *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles and *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

Academic (Choose one)

- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand
- *Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive* by Laura Hillenbrand

Comprehensive: *Note to Self*, edited by Gayle King

## Entering grade 11 English

AP Language and Composition

- Choose either *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* by Stephen King or *The Sense of Style: The Thinking Person's Guide to Writing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* by Steven Pinker
- Choose either *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover or *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson

Honors

- Everyone must read *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne.
- Choose one:
  - *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway
  - *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
  - *Grendel* by John Gardner

Academic (Choose one):

- *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
- *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt
- *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
- *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold
- *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

Comprehensive: *For Every One* by Jason Reynolds

## Entering grade 12 English

AP English Literature:

Everyone must read *1984* by George Orwell and then choose one among the following:

- *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood
- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
- *The House of Leaves* by Mark Danielweski
- *The Nix* by Nathan Hill
- *The Night Film* by Marisha Pessl
- *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt

Honors: Everyone must read *GRIT: The Power of Passion and Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth and then choose either *1984* by George Orwell or *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

Academic (Choose 1):

- *GRIT: The Power of Passion and Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth
- *The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life* by Kwame Alexander

Comprehensive: *The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life* by Kwame Alexander