

# Troy High School Summer Reading Program – 2016

*“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 9LC Students:** This is required for EACH student entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Even students attending the Summer Success program are responsible for completing this assignment.

**Please Note:** there is a separate reading list and assignment for 9LC Honors.

Our goal is for students to continue reading over the summer to prevent the summer slide, be better prepared for standardized tests, and - more importantly - to foster a love of reading. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- ❖ Students will select and read **two** texts from the attached list. *It is **recommended**, but not required, that each student read from two different genres to practice different forms of reading.*
- ❖ Students will need access to **one** of the texts they read during the first month of school.
- ❖ Students will use their knowledge of these texts to learn how to write formal papers with high school expectations.

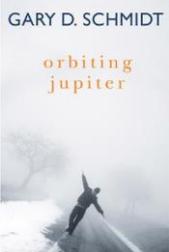
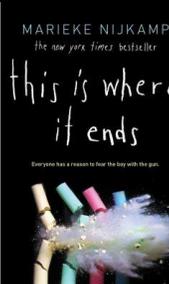
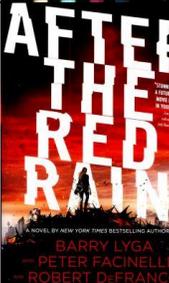
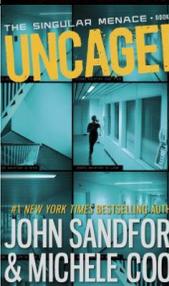
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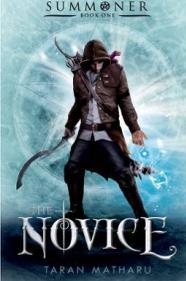
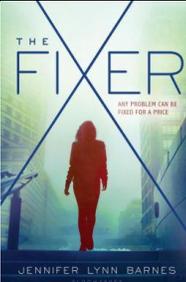
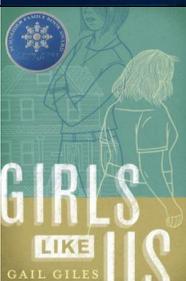
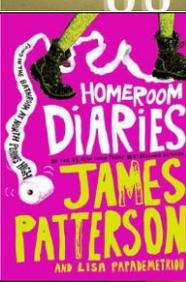
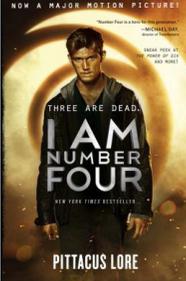
- ❖ New/used books can be purchased through amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and half.com.
- ❖ Ebooks can be purchased through many online stores, including the Amazon bookstore, iTunes, or via the iBooks app.
- ❖ Please note: while you may borrow the book from the Troy Public Library, the supply is limited, **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.

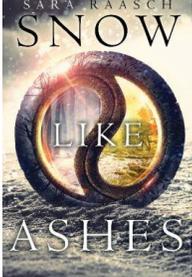
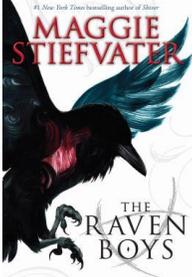
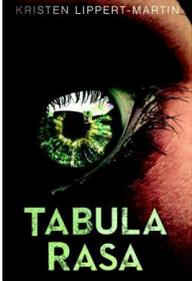
Aside from reading the books, there is no other summer assignment. We look forward to beginning the school year with students who have read and enjoyed two good pieces of literature.

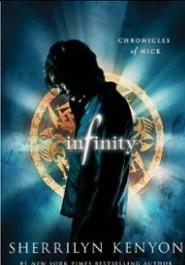
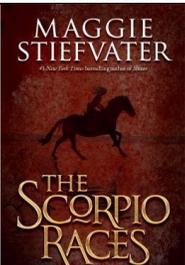
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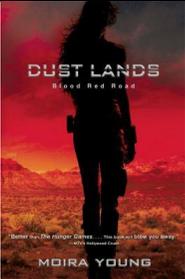
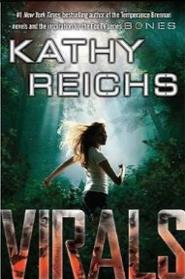
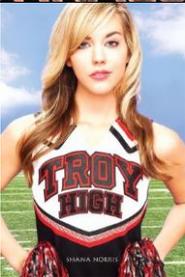
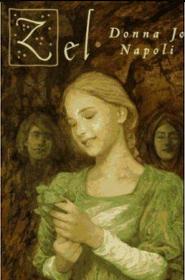
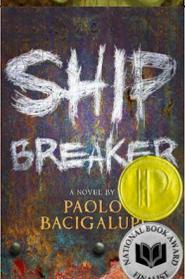
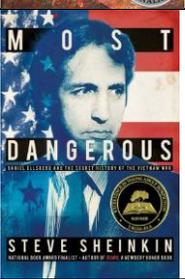
The 9LC Teaching Team

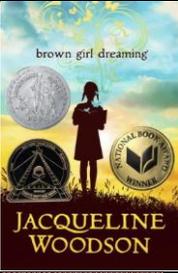
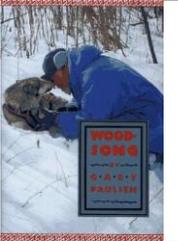
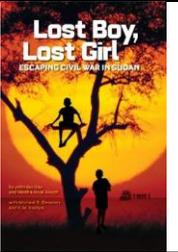
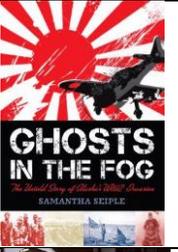
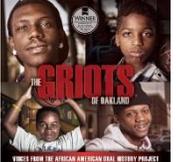
 <p>GARY D. SCHMIDT orbiting jupiter</p>	<p><i>Orbiting Jupiter</i> (realistic fiction)</p>	<p>Gary Schmidt</p>	<p>Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has 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.</p>
 <p>REBECCA STEAD GOODBYE STRANGER</p>	<p><i>Goodbye Stranger</i> (Realistic Fiction)</p>	<p>Rebecca Stead</p>	<p>As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvacious Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend, she finds the answers she has been seeking.</p>
 <p>VICTORIA AVEYARD RED QUEEN</p>	<p><i>Red Queen</i> (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Victoria Aveyard</p>	<p>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...</p>
 <p>MARIEKE NIJKAMP this is where it ends</p>	<p><i>This is Where it Ends</i> (Realistic Fiction)</p>	<p>Marieke Nijkamp</p>	<p>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.</p>
 <p>AFTER THE RED RAIN</p>	<p><i>After the Red Rain</i> (Science Fiction/Mystery)</p>	<p>Barry Lyga</p>	<p>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.</p>
 <p>UNCAGED</p>	<p><i>Uncaged</i> (Suspense/Realistic Fiction)</p>	<p>John Sandford &amp; Michelle Cook</p>	<p>When an animal rights action at a research lab goes wrong, a terrible secret is exposed, and Shay must find her brother Odin before the researchers at Singular Corp can silence both of them.</p>

		<p><i>The Selection</i> (Science Fiction)</p>	<p>Kiera Cass</p>	<p>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>
		<p><i>The Novice</i> (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><i>The Fixer</i> (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><i>Girls Like Us</i> (Realistic Fiction)</p>	<p>Gail Giles</p>	<p>Graduating from their school's special education program, Quincy and Bidy 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>Homeroom Diaries</i> (Realistic Fiction)</p>	<p>James Patterson &amp; Lisa Papademetriou</p>	<p>Seventeen-year-old Margaret "Cuckoo" Clark keeps a journal detailing the trials and tribulations of high school life as she and her close-knit group of outcast friends try to break down the barriers between their school's "warring nations."</p>
		<p><i>I Am Number Four</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>The Inventor's Secret</i> (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Andrea Cremer</p>	<p>In an alternate nineteenth-century America that is still a colony of Britain's industrial empire, sixteen-year-old Charlotte and her fellow refugees' struggle to survive is interrupted by a newcomer with no memory, bearing secrets about a terrible future.</p>
	<p><i>The Accidental Highwayman : Being the Tale of Kid Bristol, His Horse Midnight, a Mysterious Princess, and Sundry Magical Persons Besides</i> (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Ben Tripp</p>	<p>In eighteenth-century England, young Christopher "Kit" Bristol unwittingly takes on the task of his dead master, notorious highwayman Whistling Jack, who pledged a fairy he would rescue feisty Princess Morgana from an arranged marriage with King George III.</p>
	<p><i>Snow Like Ashes</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>The Raven Boys</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>Tabula Rasa</i> (Science Fiction)</p>	<p>Kristen Lippert-Martin</p>	<p>A girl who has been held in an experimental medical facility to remove the memories that gave her post-traumatic stress disorder begins to recover her memory after fleeing mercenaries sent to eliminate her.</p>

 <p><i>"The Testing is a chilling and devious dystopia that'll show all fans of The Hunger Games will simply devour."</i> —Publishers Weekly, <i>Top 50 New Hardcover Releases of 2015</i></p> <p><b>THE TESTING</b> ONE IS AUGUST 29, TWO IS THE 23, ABOUT 20, FOUR LINE JOELLE CHARBONNEAU</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><b>AVALON</b> MINDEE ARNETT</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>
 <p>CHRIBELLES of NICK</p> <p><b>Infinity</b> SHERRILYN KENYON #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR</p>		<p><i><b>Infinity</b></i> (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Sherrilyn Kenyon</p>	<p>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.</p>
 <p>"DON'T MERELY SURVIVE THE HYPE, IT DESERVES IT." —THE NEW YORK TIMES</p> <p>MARIE LU</p> <p><b>LEGEND</b> NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER</p>		<p><i><b>Legend</b></i> (Science fiction/ Dystopian)</p>	<p>Marie Lu</p>	<p>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.</p>
 <p>"MY TOUCH IS POWER."</p> <p><b>SHATTER ME</b> TAHEREH MAFI</p>		<p><i><b>Shatter Me</b></i> (Science Fiction)</p>	<p>Tahereh Mafi</p>	<p>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.</p>
 <p>MAGGIE STIEFVATER <i>A New York Times bestselling author of Moon</i></p> <p><b>THE SCORPIO RACES</b></p>		<p><i><b>The Scorpio Races</b></i> (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Maggie Stiefvater</p>	<p>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.</p>

		<p><i>Blood Red Road</i> (Science Fiction)</p>	<p>Moira Young</p>	<p>In a distant future, eighteen-year-old Lugh is kidnapped, and while his twin sister Saba and nine-year-old Emmi are trailing him across bleak Sandsea they are captured, too, and taken to brutal Hopetown, where Saba is forced to be a cage fighter until new friends help plan an escape.</p>
		<p><i>Virals</i> (Science Fiction)</p>	<p>Kathy Reichs</p>	<p>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.</p>
		<p><i>Troy High</i> (Realistic Fiction)</p>	<p>Shana Norris</p>	<p>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.</p>
		<p><i>Zel</i> (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Donna Jo Napoli</p>	<p>Based on the fairy tale Rapunzel, the story is told in alternating chapters from the point of view of Zel, her mother, and the prince, and delves into the psychological motivations of the characters.</p>
		<p><i>Ship Breaker</i> (Fantasy)</p>	<p>Paolo Bacigalupi</p>	<p>In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.</p>
		<p><i>Most dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the secret history of the Vietnam War</i> (Nonfiction)</p>	<p>Steve Sheinkin  Steve Sheinkin</p>	<p>The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War</p>

		<p><i><b>Brown Girl Dreaming</b></i> (Nonfiction)</p>	<p>Jacqueline Woodson</p>	<p>The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South</p>
		<p><i><b>Woodson</b></i> (Nonfiction)</p>	<p>Gary Paulsen</p>	<p>For a rugged outdoor man and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and the sled dogs that make their way of life possible. Includes an account of the author's first Iditarod, a dogsled race across Alaska.</p>
		<p><i><b>Lost Boy, Lost Girl: Escaping Civil War in Sudan</b></i> (Nonfiction)</p>	<p>John Bul Dau and Martha Arual Akech</p>	<p>John Bul Dau and his wife, Martha, describe the hardships they experienced, including violence, famine, and war, while growing up in the Sudan and explain how they escaped the region to start a new life.</p>
		<p><i><b>Ghosts in the Fog: The Untold Story of Alaska's WWII Invasion</b></i> (Nonfiction)</p>	<p>Samantha Seiple</p>	<p>A narrative, nonfiction account of the Japanese invasion and occupation of the Aleutian Islands during World War II, told from the perspectives of an American civilian and soldiers from both sides of the conflict. Includes more than eighty photographs.</p>
		<p><i><b>The Griots of Oakland</b></i> (Nonfiction)</p>	<p>Angela Zusman</p>	<p>A collection of reflections by African American men living in Oakland, California, focusing on identity, life, community, and other topics.</p>