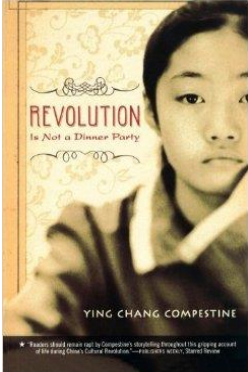

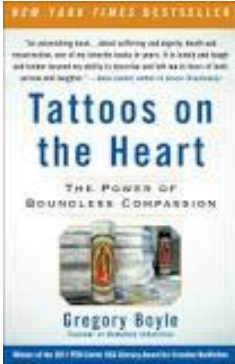


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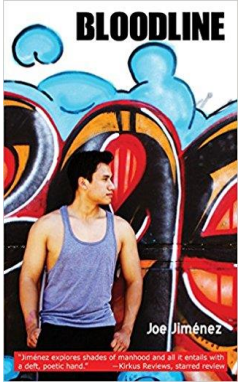
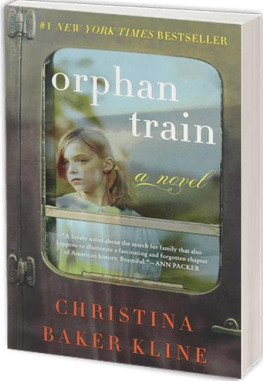
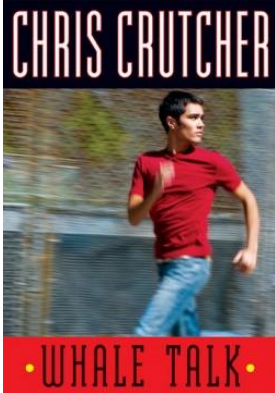
Summer Reading Book Choices

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<p>1. <i>Revolution is not a Dinner Party</i> By Ying Chang Compestine</p> 	<p>This historical fiction follows Ling, a nine-year-old girl who lives in Wuhan, China. On their review, Barnes and Noble explains that Ling “has a very happy life. Her parents are both dedicated surgeons at the best hospital in Wuhan, and her father teaches her English as they listen to Voice of America every evening on the radio. But when one of Mao's political officers moves into a room in their apartment, Ling begins to witness the gradual disintegration of her world. In an atmosphere of increasing mistrust and hatred, Ling fears for the safety of her neighbors, and soon, for herself and her family...Will she be able to grow and blossom under the oppressive rule of Chairman Mao? Or will fighting to survive destroy her spirit—and end her life?” (Barnes and Noble Review)</p> <p>This book is a 2008 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.</p> <p>Review: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/revolution-is-not-a-dinner-party-ying-chang-compesine/1100355643?ean=9780312581497#productInfoTabs</p>
<p>2. <i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> By Anthony Doerr</p> 	<p>This historical fiction has won many awards, including being a Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, a New York Times Book Review Top Ten Book, a National Book Award finalist, spending more than two and a half years on the New York Times bestseller list. Doerr writes from the perspective of a blind French girl, Marie-Laure, and a German boy “whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II” (Barnes and Nobel Review).</p> <p>Review: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/all-the-light-we-cannot-see-anthony-doerr/1115884714#productInfoTabs</p>
<p>3. <i>Tattoos on the Heart</i> By Fr. Greg Boyle</p> 	<p><i>Tattoos on the Heart</i> is a nonfiction text that presents a compelling account of a Catholic priest and his experiences in the ministry in the “gang capital” of Los Angeles. Father Boyle’s collection offers insight into kinship and the sacredness of life during his time working with gangs.</p> <p>Review: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/tattoos-on-the-heart-gregory-boyle/1102042026</p>


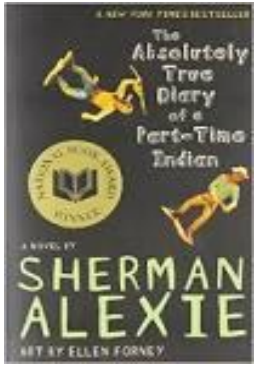
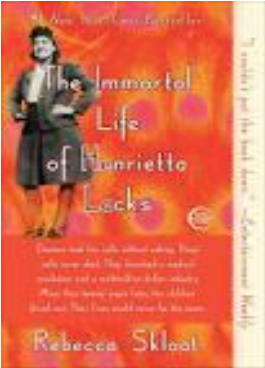
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<p>4. <i>Bloodline</i> By Joe Jimenez</p> 	<p>In this fictional story, author Joe Jimenez takes inspiration from Shakespeare's "Hamlet." He adds a "Chicano dimension to his story but preserves the conflicted, inner turmoil of the main protagonist to deliver this stunning family drama about the hard lessons of coming into manhood" (Amazon Review). The story takes place when the seventeen-year-old Abraham begins his junior year. So far, "Abraham learns how to drive a stick shift. He falls in love for the first time. And he has been in three fights and suspended twice, all before Thanksgiving. At school, Abraham learns about genetics, and he wonders if people are born bad. Abraham struggles with his family's refusal to talk about the violence that has plagued it and what it means to become a man. Does a boy need a father to become a good man?" (Amazon Review)</p> <p>Review: https://www.amazon.com/Bloodline-Joe-Jimenez/dp/1558858288</p>
<p>5. <i>Orphan Train</i> By Christina Baker Kline</p> 	<p>This historical fiction tells the story of the American "Orphan Train" that carried abandoned children across the country from 1854-1929. Children could either be adopted or "earn their keep" in servitude. Throughout the novel, readers will get to know two young women who face this kind of unsettled life—Vivian, an older Irish immigrant, and Molly, a young Penobscot Indian. The author's website sums up by the book as such: "Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, <i>Orphan Train</i> is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship."</p> <p>Review: http://christinabakerkline.com/novels/orphan-train/</p>
<p>6. <i>Whale Talk</i> By Chris Crutcher</p> 	<p><i>Whale Talk</i> is a fictional narrative about a boy who has never been interested in organized sports, but decides to swim for his school swim team anyway. Its main character has a cynical and sarcastic sense of humor, which is fitting, because his swim team has no pool, and only the team captain actually knows how to swim. It is a story of acceptance, teamwork, and learning from failures.</p> <p>Review: https://www.harpercollins.com/9780061968532/whale-talk</p>

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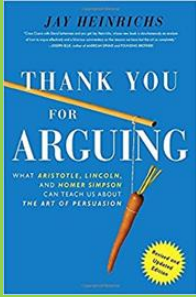
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<p>7. <i>The Glass Castle: A Memoir</i> By Jeannette Walls</p> 	<p><i>The Glass Castle: A Memoir</i> is a powerful nonfiction piece about Jeanette Walls, a girl whose family life is much less than perfect. The Walls family lived as nomads, or travelers, during her younger years. Eventually, Rex and Rose (her parents) struggle to support their children financially or emotionally, so Jeanette and her four siblings must find their own way. Jeanette experiences many different traumas during this time in her life, but succeeds against all odds. Even more incredibly, she continues to be compassionate and helpful despite all of the challenges her parents, and her life, have thrown at her. This has become a favorite book of many upperclassmen, as it has been a past summer reading book.</p> <p>Review: https://www.amazon.com/Glass-Castle-Memoir-Jeannette-Walls/dp/074324754X</p>
<p>8. <i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i> By Sherman Alexie</p> 	<p>Sherman Alexie writes this piece of realistic fiction about “Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation.” Junior leaves the reservation for a school without any other Native Americans. He quickly realizes this new school is very different from his old school on the reservation. Students will appreciate Junior’s sarcastic narration and creative doodles throughout the book.</p> <p>Review: https://pernillesripp.com/2016/05/06/the-best-books-for-middle-school-according-to-my-students/</p>
<p>9. <i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i> By Rebecca Skloot</p> 	<p>This nonfiction book borders on investigation and narrative as the author, Rebecca Skloot, follows the story of Henrietta Lacks and her unique cells. The Young Adult Library Services Association lists this as one of their “Outstanding Books for College Bound and Lifelong Learners.” According to the YSLA, “Henrietta Lacks had no idea that her cells would lead to science's greatest medical breakthroughs, nor did her family have any idea that her cells are still be alive today. Skloot explores the ethics of the scientists who first used Lacks's cells and discovered that they would live forever, as well as the impact of the family's discovery that her cells were alive and being used without the family's permission.”</p> <p>Review: http://booklists.yalsa.net/directory/results?booklist=27&genre=26&page=2</p>

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<p>10. <i>Liar</i> By Justine Larbalestier</p> 	<p>According to Publisher’s Weekly, “<i>Liar</i> is a psycho-logical thriller set in New York City told from the point of view of a compulsive liar.” Amazon.com portrays the biracial narrator’s story, explaining: “Micah is a liar. That’s the one thing she won’t lie about. Over the years, she’s duped her classmates, her teachers, and even her parents. But when her boyfriend Zach dies under brutal circumstances, Micah sets out to tell the truth. At first the truth comes easily—because it is a lie. Other truths are so unbelievable, so outside the realm of normal, they must be a lie. And the honest truth is buried so deep in Micah’s mind even she doesn’t know if it’s real. The ultimate unreliable narrator takes readers on a thrill ride in this highly acclaimed novel. Prepare to grasp for truth until the very last page.”</p> <p>Review: http://justinelarbalestier.com/books/liar/</p>
<p>11. <i>The Night Circus</i> By Erin Morgenstern</p> 	<p><i>The Night Circus</i> is a beautiful story of magic, mystery, love, and competition. The fates of the two main characters, Marco and Celia, are intertwined by a competition started long before they were aware of their abilities. Marco and Celia are both talented manipulators, or, magicians. They are able to change the world around them without explanation. Their skills are used to both create the venue for their competition, the Night Circus, and to end each others’ lives. The conflict lies within their inability to end the competition, due to their love for one another.</p> <p>Review: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/09/books/review/the-night-circus-by-erin-morgenstern-book-review.html</p>

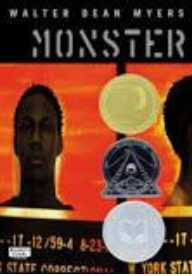


<p><u>AP ENGLISH STUDENTS</u></p> <p>In addition to reading a book choice above, students must <i>also</i> read this book as a course requirement. Thus, AP Students will read two books.</p>	<p><i>Thank You for Arguing, Revised and Updated Edition: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach us about the Art of Persuasion</i> By Jay Heinrichs</p> <p>*Students should plan on purchasing and annotating the book as it will be used throughout the school year. *See the separate assignment sheet with further directions for seniors.</p> <p>Review: https://www.amazon.com/Thank-You-Arguing-Revised-Updated/dp/0385347758/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493868743&sr=8-1&keywords=thank+you+for+arguing</p> 
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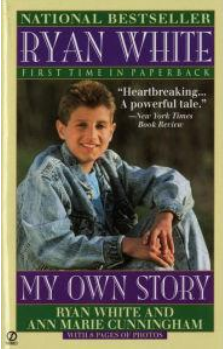
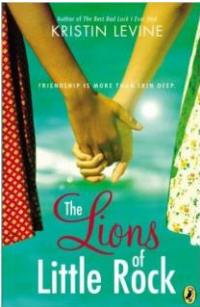
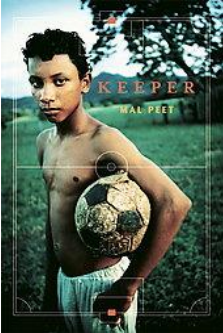
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<p>1. <i>Between Shades of Gray</i> By Ruta Sepetys</p> 	<p>This book about World War II tells the story of Lina, a 15 year old Lithuanian girl being taken to a concentration camp. She vows to live through the experience to make her family proud. This historical fiction takes place during Stalin and Russia's terror of WWII.</p> <p>Review: http://www.betweenshadesofgray.com/</p>
<p>2. <i>Monster</i> By Walter Dean Myers</p> 	<p>Readers quickly become absorbed in sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon's story as he is a teen on trial for murder. Whether Steve is truly guilty or innocent, he must face a judicial system "cluttered with cynical authority figures and unscrupulous inmates who will turn in anyone to shorten their own sentences. For the first time, Steve is forced to think about who he is as he faces prison, where he may spend all the tomorrows of his life" (Goodreads review). In order to cope with his current situation, Steve applies his amateur filmmaking skills to document his trial.</p> <p>Review(s): 1) https://www.common sense media.org/book-reviews/monster 2) http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/44184.Monster</p>
<p>3. <i>Gathering Blue</i> By Lois Lowry</p> 	<p>Although this work of fiction is a part of the <i>Giver</i> series, it is a great story all on its own. Kira is a child who has recently experienced the loss of her mother and faces the Council to decide what to do with her. Much to her surprise, she has a special talent that the Council sees as useful, and assigns her a job based on her abilities.</p> <p>Review: http://www.loislowry.com/index.php?option=com_dicatalog2&view=item&id=18</p>
<p>4. <i>Legend</i> By Marie Lu</p> 	<p><i>Legend</i> takes places in a dark and futuristic Los Angeles where a young prodigy and criminal learn far more about their country than they ever dreamed. A post-apocalyptic thriller based on teenage romance, "<i>Legend</i> delivers...a walloping good ride with an emphasis on believability....Doesn't merely survive the hype; it deserves it" (Pearson, NYT).</p> <p>Review: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/04/books/review/legend-by-marie-lu-book-review.html</p>

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<p>5. <i>Ryan White: My Own Story</i> By Ryan White, Ann Marie Cunningham, Jeanne White</p> 	<p>The Dallas Morning News calls this “A touching tale of a courageous young man, his battle against fear and hatred, and his fight to educate the public about AIDS. A story of tragedy and courage that should be read by all.”</p> <p>Review: http://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-8037-0977-5</p>
<p>6. <i>The Lions of Little Rock</i> By Kristin Levine</p> 	<p>In this work of historical fiction, Marlee and Liz have one problem: race. However, on their first day as friends, Marlee has no idea that race is an issue, until Liz goes missing after school, supposedly because she was pretending to be white. These brave girls stand up to segregation in the name of friendship, even when it threatens their own families.</p> <p>Review: https://pernillesripp.com/2016/05/06/the-best-books-for-middle-school-according-to-my-students/</p>
<p>7. <i>Keeper</i> By Mal Peet</p> 	<p>The School Library Journal calls <i>Keeper</i> “A well-written, fast-paced sports story that addresses far more than just the sport itself.” Barnes and Noble describes the book as beginning “In a small newspaper office in South America, Paul Faustino, a veteran sports reporter, begins an exclusive interview with El Gato, the World Cup-winning soccer phenom. Over the course of the long night, El Gato tells the story of how an unspectacular teenager in a poor logging town became the world's most accomplished goalkeeper. It is a tale filled with tension, hunger, and magic, set in a mythic corner of the jungle. But above all it is a tale about El Gato's ghostly, but very real mentor: the Keeper.”</p> <p>Review: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/keeper-mal-peet/1007233880?ean=9780763627492#productInfoTabs</p>