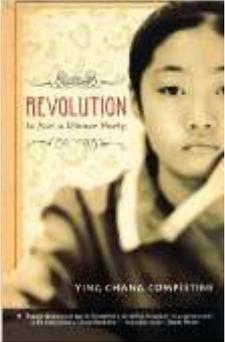
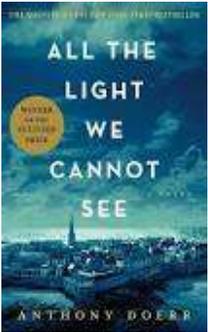
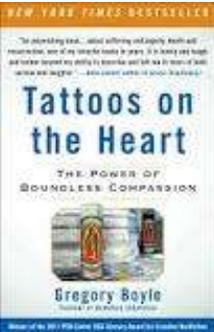


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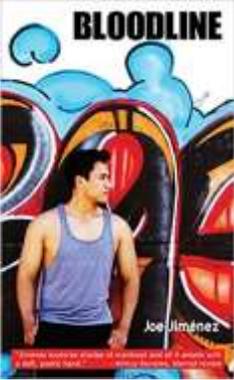
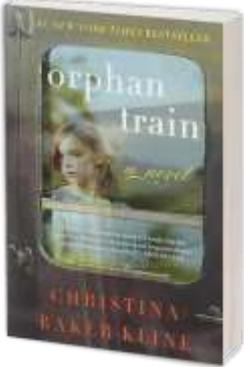
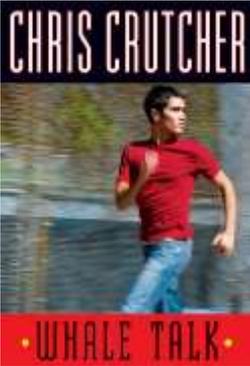
## Summer Reading Book Choices

Choose ONE book for this school year that you have not read previously.  
See the Raider Reading Journal for further directions.

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| <p>1. <i>Revolution is not a Dinner Party</i><br/>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><b>Review:</b> <a href="http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/revolution-is-not-a-dinner-party-ying-chang-compestine/1100355643?ean=9780312581497#productInfoTabs">http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/revolution-is-not-a-dinner-party-ying-chang-compestine/1100355643?ean=9780312581497#productInfoTabs</a></p> |
| <p>2. <i>All the Light We Cannot See</i><br/>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><b>Review:</b> <a href="http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/all-the-light-we-cannot-see-anthony-doerr/1115884714#productInfoTabs">http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/all-the-light-we-cannot-see-anthony-doerr/1115884714#productInfoTabs</a></p>  |
| <p>3. <i>Tattoos on the Heart</i><br/>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><b>Review:</b> <a href="http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/tattoos-on-the-heart-gregory-boyle/1102042026">http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/tattoos-on-the-heart-gregory-boyle/1102042026</a></p>  |

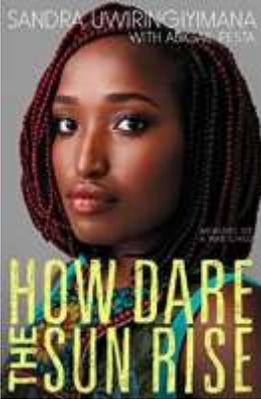
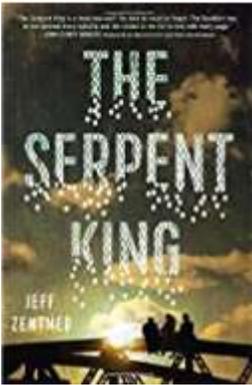
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| <p>4. <i>Bloodline</i><br/>By Joe Jimenez</p>                | <p>In this fictional story, author Joe Jimenez takes inspiration from Shakespeare's "Hamlet." He adds a "Chicano dimension to his story but preserves the conflicted, inner turmoil of 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: <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Bloodline-Joe-Jimenez/dp/1558858288">https://www.amazon.com/Bloodline-Joe-Jimenez/dp/1558858288</a></p> |
| <p>5. <i>Orphan Train</i><br/>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: <a href="http://christinabakerkline.com/novels/orphan-train/">http://christinabakerkline.com/novels/orphan-train/</a></p>   |
| <p>6. <i>Whale Talk</i><br/>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: <a href="https://www.harpercollins.com/9780061968532/whale-talk">https://www.harpercollins.com/9780061968532/whale-talk</a></p>  |

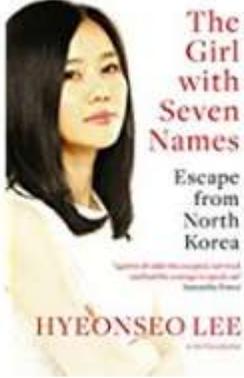
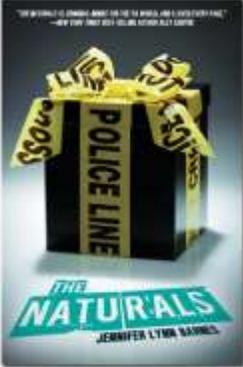
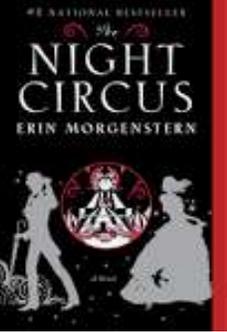
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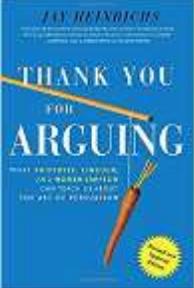
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| <p>7. <i>How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child</i> by Sandra Uwiringiyimana</p>  | <p>"Sandra Uwiringiyimana was ten years old when she found herself with a gun pointed at her head. The rebels had come at night—wielding weapons, torches, and machetes. She had watched as her mother and six-year-old sister were gunned down in a refugee camp, far from their home in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The rebels were killing people who weren't from the same tribe.</p> <p>"Good-bye, life," she said to the man ready to shoot her.</p> <p>Remarkably, the rebel didn't pull the trigger, and Sandra escaped into the night.</p> <p>Thus began a new life for her and her surviving family members. With no home and no money, they struggled to stay alive. Eventually, through a United Nations refugee program, they moved to America, only to face yet another ethnic disconnect. Sandra may have crossed an ocean, but there was now a much wider divide she had to overcome. And it started with middle school in New York.</p> <p>In this profoundly moving memoir, Sandra tells the inspiring story of her survival, of finding her place in a new country, and of her hope for the future. <i>How Dare the Sun Rise</i> shows the unrelenting strength of one incredible young woman and her family, unveiling how she found a way to give voice to her people and begin the path to healing through art and activism."</p> <p><b>Review:</b> <a href="https://www.harpercollins.com/9780062470164/how-dare-the-sun-rise">https://www.harpercollins.com/9780062470164/how-dare-the-sun-rise</a></p> |
| <p>8. <i>The Serpent King</i> by Jeff Zentner</p>                                      | <p>"Dillard Early, Jr., Travis Bohannon and Lydia Blankenship are three friends from different walks of life who have one thing in common: none of them seem to fit the mold in rural Tennessee's Forrestville High. As the three friends begin their senior year, it becomes clear that they won't all be getting to start a promising new life after graduation. How they deal with their diverging paths could cause the end of their friendship. Until a shattering act of random violence forces Dill to wrestle with his dark legacy and find a way into the light of a future worth living.</p> <p>As the three friends begin their senior year, it becomes clear that they won't all be getting to start a promising new life after graduation. How they deal with their diverging paths could cause the end of their friendship. Until a shattering act of random violence forces Dill to wrestle with his dark legacy and find a way into the light of a future worth living.</p> <p><b>Review:</b> <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Serpent-King-Jeff-Zentner/dp/1770498834/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&amp;ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1522349787&amp;sr=1-2&amp;keywords=the+serpent+king+by+jeff+zentner">https://www.amazon.com/Serpent-King-Jeff-Zentner/dp/1770498834/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&amp;ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1522349787&amp;sr=1-2&amp;keywords=the+serpent+king+by+jeff+zentner</a></p>   |

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| <p>9. <i>The Girl with Seven Names</i> by Hyeonseo Lee</p>    | <p>"An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships – and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom.</p> <p>As a child growing up in North Korea, Hyeonseo Lee was one of millions trapped by a secretive and brutal communist regime. Her home on the border with China gave her some exposure to the world beyond the confines of the Hermit Kingdom and, as the famine of the 1990s struck, she began to wonder, question and to realise that she had been brainwashed her entire life. Given the repression, poverty and starvation she witnessed surely her country could not be, as she had been told "the best on the planet"?</p> <p>Aged seventeen, she decided to escape North Korea. She could not have imagined that it would be twelve years before she was reunited with her family."</p> <p><b>Review:</b> <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/29/books/review/fleeing-north-korea.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/29/books/review/fleeing-north-korea.html</a></p>   |
| <p>10. <i>The Naturals</i><br/>By Jennifer Lynn Barnes</p>   | <p>"Think <i>The Mentalist</i> meets <i>Pretty Little Liars</i>—Jennifer Lynn-Barnes' <i>The Naturals</i> is a gripping psychological thriller with killer appeal, a to-die-for romance, and the bones of a gritty and compelling new series" says the author's website. Similarly, New York Times best-selling author Ally Carter calls this book "Criminal Minds for the YA world." This first book in a thrilling series focuses on Cassie, a seventeen-year-old who is "a natural at reading people. Piecing together the tiniest details, she can tell you who you are and what you want. But it's not a skill that she's ever taken seriously. That is, until the FBI come knocking: they've begun a classified program that uses exceptional teenagers to crack infamous cold cases, and they need Cassie. What Cassie doesn't realize is that there's more at risk than a few unsolved homicides—especially when she's sent to live with a group of teens whose gifts are as unusual as her own. Soon, it becomes clear that no one in the Naturals program is what they seem. And when a new killer strikes, danger looms closer than Cassie could ever have imagined. Caught in a lethal game of cat and mouse with a killer, the Naturals are going to have to use all of their gifts just to survive" (Goodreads.com).</p> <p><b>Review:</b> <a href="http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13597723-the-naturals">http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13597723-the-naturals</a> &amp; <a href="http://www.jenniferlynnbarnes.com/naturals.html">http://www.jenniferlynnbarnes.com/naturals.html</a></p> |
| <p>11. <i>The Night Circus</i><br/>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><b>Review:</b> <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/09/books/review/the-night-circus-by-erin-morgenstern-book-review.html">http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/09/books/review/the-night-circus-by-erin-morgenstern-book-review.html</a></p>   |

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| <p><b><u>AP ENGLISH STUDENTS</u></b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> | <p><b><i>Thank You for Arguing, Revised and Updated Edition: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach us about the Art of Persuasion</i></b> By Jay Heinrichs</p> <p>*Students should plan on purchasing and annotating the book as it will be used throughout the school year.<br/>*See the separate assignment sheet with further directions for seniors.</p> <p>Review: <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Thank-You-Arguing-Revised-Updated/dp/0385347758/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1493868743&amp;sr=8-1&amp;keywords=thank+you+for+arguing">https://www.amazon.com/Thank-You-Arguing-Revised-Updated/dp/0385347758/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&amp;qid=1493868743&amp;sr=8-1&amp;keywords=thank+you+for+arguing</a></p>  |
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