

ENGLISH 10 HONORS

2021 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

The following assignments are due by the first day of school.

BOOK 1 (STUDENT CHOICE BOOK)

- **READ STUDENT CHOICE BOOK** (This book is NOT provided by the school)
Choose a book from the attached list. **DO NOT CHOOSE A BOOK YOU HAVE ALREADY READ.** You are responsible for acquiring your own book. Some contain mature language/content. Talk to your parents and choose one appropriate for you.

- **SET UP A GOODREADS.COM ACCOUNT**
Use this website to track your reading and to write your book review. You **must** add me as a friend so that I can see your review – find me through my personal email address: catherinelee33@gmail.com. If you have trouble with this step, please email me.

Grade Value: Participation Grade (for setting up account and adding Mrs. Lee as a friend)

- **WRITE GOODREADS REVIEW**
Post on Goodreads an in-depth review of your Student Choice book. Use at least 2 direct quotes from the book. No other sources are required. You may write in first person. Avoid plot summary and major spoilers. Include the following in your review:

- Your reactions/conclusions about the book
- What you liked the most and the least
- Identify and explain a strong theme
- Comment on the book's tone, mood, or attitude
- Length: 3-paragraph minimum

Grade Value: Quiz Grade (for posting a review on Goodreads)

BOOK 2 (CYRANO DE BERGERAC)

- **READ THE CYRANO SUMMER READING GUIDE** (stapled packet)
- **READ CLASS NOVEL: CYRANO DE BERGERAC** (This book is provided by the school)

Skip the intro sections. Cyrano is a play so the format will look different from a novel. Expect a reading comprehension **quiz** on the first day of school on the book and guide.

Grade Value: Quiz (on first day of school)

STUDENT CHOICE BOOK LIST ENGLISH 10 H

Choose a book from the list. Do not choose one that you have already read.

SCI-FI/FANTASY

Skyward by Brandon Sanderson
The Rithmatist by Brandon Sanderson
Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
Red Rising by Pierce Brown
* *The Martian* by Andy Weir

DYSTOPIAN

Scythe by Neal Shusterman
The Maze Runner by James Dashner
Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Divergent by Veronica Roth

FICTION

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Life of Pi by Yann Martel
* *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys

FAIRY TALES & RETELLINGS

The Wrath and the Dawn by Renee Ahdieh
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Cinder by Marissa Meyer
Heartless by Marissa Meyer

FOLKLORE & MYTHOLOGIES

The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater
The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden
The Sword of Summer (Magnus Chase) by Rick Riordan
* *Norse Mythology* by Neil Gaiman

TITLES WITH AN ASTERISK (*) HAVE MATURE LANGUAGE OR CONTENT AND REQUIRE AN EMAIL FROM YOUR PARENTS TO MRS. LEE GRANTING YOU PERMISSION TO READ IT.

If you've already read the first book in a series, but not the entire series, you can choose a later book to read. For example, if you've read Percy Jackson Books 1-3, you can choose Percy Jackson Book 4 as your choice. Please email me if you do this.

Audiobooks and E-books are acceptable during the summer, but bring a paper copy to class.

SCI-FI/FANTASY

Skyward by Brandon Sanderson

Driven almost to extinction, the remnants of the human race are trapped on a planet attacked by mysterious alien starfighters. Spensa, a teenage girl, longs to be a pilot. When she discovers the wreckage of a ship, she realizes this dream might be possible.

The Rithmatist by Brandon Sanderson

Rithmatists are humanity's only defense against the Wild Chalklings, two-dimensional figures infused with life. Having nearly overrun the territory of Nebrask, the Wild Chalklings now threaten all of the American Isles.

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Ketterdam is a bustling hub of international trade. Criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker and his crew are offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make them rich.

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

Conor has the same dream every night ever since his mother got sick. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there is a visitor at his window. It's an ancient, elemental force of nature. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all: the truth.

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Zelie is a girl who remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. Now Zelie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against a ruthless king. Danger lurks everywhere, but the greatest danger may be Zelie herself.

Enders Game by Orson Scott Card

Ender may be the military genius Earth desperately needs in a war against aliens seeking to destroy all human life. The only way to find out is to throw Ender into ever harsher training.

Red Rising by Pierce Brown

Darrow is a member of the lowest caste in the color-coded society of the future. Like his fellow Reds, he works all day, believing that he and his people are making the surface of Mars livable for future generations. He will be forced to compete for his life and the very future of civilization.

The Martian by Andy Weir

Astronaut Mark Watney is one of the first people to walk on Mars. He might be the first person to die there. He is faced with threats of all kinds, from starvation to the unforgiving environment, or plain old human error. But Mark's not ready to quit.

DYSTOPIAN

Scythe by Neal Shusterman

Thou shalt kill. A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things, even conquered death. Now scythes are commanded to end life in order to control the size of the population.

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

When Thomas wakes up, the only thing he remembers is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone. Outside the stone walls that surround the Glade is an ever-changing maze, and no one's ever made it through alive.

Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve

The traction city of London roves the land avoiding bigger, faster, and hungrier cities. This is an adventure story of surprises set in a dark and original world fueled by Municipal Darwinism.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Each district must yield one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and to participate in the games. The 'tributes' are forced to fight to the death, leaving only one survivor to claim victory.

Divergent by Veronica Roth

In dystopian Chicago, society is divided into factions—Candor (honest), Abnegation (selfless), Dauntless (brave), Amity (peaceful), and Erudite (intelligent). For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with family and being who she really is.

FICTION

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death narrates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family, a Jewish man, and their neighbors.

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Life of Pi is a fantasy adventure and survival novel. Piscine Molitor "Pi" Patel, a Tamil boy from Pondicherry, explores issues of spirituality and practicality from an early age.

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

Winter, 1945. Four teenagers. Four secrets. Each one born of a different homeland; each haunted by tragedy and war. As thousands of refugees flock to the coast, four paths converge. Sepetys lifts the veil on a little-known event of World War II.

FAIRY TALES & RETELLINGS

The Wrath & the Dawn by Renee Ahdieh

In a land ruled by a murderous boy-king, each dawn brings heartache. Khalid, the Caliph, is a monster. Each night he takes a new bride only to have her killed come morning. Inspired by *A Thousand and One Nights*.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Nobody Owens is known to his friends as Bod. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, raised and educated by ghosts, with a guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living or dead.

Cinder by Marissa Meyer

Sixteen-year-old Cinder is a cyborg with an ability to fix things, making her the best mechanic in New Beijing. An inventive sci-fi retelling of the Cinderella fairy tale.

Heartless by Marissa Meyer

Cath may be one of the most desired girls in Wonderland, but she is determined to choose her own destiny. In a land thriving with magic, madness, and monsters, fate may have other plans.

FOLKLORE & MYTHOLOGIES

The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater

Every November, riders attempt to hold their water horses long enough to make it to the finish line. Some riders live. Others die. Sean Kendrick, a young man of few words, is the returning champion. Puck Connolly is different.

The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden

At the edge of the Russian wilderness in the Dark Ages, Vasilisa faces dangers straight from her nurse's frightening tales. Filled with Russian folklore, this is a clash of old and new, superstition and religion, courage and fear, set against the backdrop of the harsh Russian winter.

The Sword of Summer (Magnus Chase) by Rick Riordan

Since his mother's death, Magnus Chase has lived on the streets of Boston until he's tracked down by a man he's never met who tells him an impossible secret: the Norse myths are true, and monsters are stirring for doomsday.

Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman

Gaiman delves into the exploits of Norse deities, dwarves, and giants; and culminates in Ragnarok, the twilight of the gods. Gaiman vividly retells the stories of Odin, Thor, and Loki, making these long-ago myths breathe life again.