

Dear North High Students and Families:

We are excited to share the summer reading list for the summer of 2018. If you click on [this link](#), you will see the list of books, each one recommended by one of the English teachers here at North. The requirement is that every student reads one book from this list before the start of the school year. Titles range greatly in genre, length, difficulty, and subject matter. For each title on the list, you will see the name of the teacher who recommended the book, a quick explanation of why he/she recommended it, and the genre. Also, you will notice that each title is linked to the Amazon page and Goodreads page for that text where you can learn more about the book before selecting it. It is the expectation that students **will read at least one title**. Students do NOT need to pick a title suggested by their current or soon-to-be English teacher; instead, they can choose any title that most appeals to them.

When selecting a book, we encourage families and students to read the Amazon and/or Goodreads review to get a full sense of the text. Not all titles may be fully appropriate for all students. The text could be too long, too easy, too difficult, or have content that could make a student uncomfortable. It is with this fact in mind that we built this list, working collaboratively as a department to create a list with a wonderfully wide range of options so that all students can find a text that matches their interests and abilities.

It is our expectation for all students that they actively engage in reading at least one book this summer and come back ready to discuss what they read in their English classes. We know that this wonderful list of diverse texts can help all students find a book they love. Of course, students are welcome to read as many books on the list as they like, and we hope you might even consider making your student's choice a family read, engaging in the text collectively.

Should you have any question, please feel free to call the school's English Department (630-795-8270) prior to May 29, and Ms. Sara Courington, Associate Principal (630-795-8412) after May 29.

All the best,
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