

## English 10 Summer Reading & Writing Assignment

Students in English 10 Standard and Intensified will read texts that examine multiple perspectives from around the world. To prepare for next year's reading assignments that you'll have in class and out, please challenge yourself to read books that challenge and interest you during summer break.

**Assignment:** Read and keep track of the titles and authors. Finish a minimum of one book (that is new to you) and write a letter to your future English teacher about your summer reading. Include answers to the following questions (for a total of 250 words or more):

- Paragraph 1: How would you describe yourself as an independent reader? Do you generally read books or do you prefer news, digital media, etc.? Often or just for school?
- Paragraph 2: What did you read this summer, and what inspired your choices?
- Paragraph 3: What is one book that was most memorable to you, and why? What do you most appreciate about its content or style? Do you recommend it to others?

Feel free to include any other information about yourself as a reader and as a person. We're excited to work with you next year.

You'll have a chance to talk about your reading choices during the first week of school and submit your letter on Canvas by Friday, September 6, 2024. For early submissions, email: [leah.mcfarlane@apsva.us](mailto:leah.mcfarlane@apsva.us) and [henry.hines@apsva.us](mailto:henry.hines@apsva.us).

### Reading Recommendations

National Book Award Winners

<https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/search/>

100 Great Books for an Ambitious Teen Reader

<https://slate.com/human-interest/2019/07/best-books-advanced-teenage-readers.html>

Award Winners: Teen and Young Adult

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/award-winners-fiction-teen-young-adult?page=1>

Good Reads

[https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/8402.Books\\_Every\\_High\\_School\\_Student\\_Should\\_Read](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/8402.Books_Every_High_School_Student_Should_Read)

Arlington Public Library

<https://library.arlingtonva.us/for-readers/summer-reading/book-lists/>

Common Sense Media

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/>

Letter Format (double-spaced, 12 point font, indent paragraphs, italicize book titles)

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Rubric

Summer Reading Letter					
Criteria	Ratings				Pts
<p>Composition</p> <p>Write complete responses to each question with specific details and explanations.</p>	<p>25 pts</p> <p>Exceeds Expectations</p>	<p>22 pts</p> <p>Meets Expectations</p>	<p>20 pts</p> <p>Approaching Expectations</p>	<p>12 pts</p> <p>Incomplete</p>	<p>25 pts</p>
<p>Written Expression</p> <p>Compose sentences that provide a clear and logical flow of ideas, using transitions and varied word choice.</p>	<p>15 pts</p> <p>Exceeds Expectations</p>	<p>13 pts</p> <p>Meets Expectations</p>	<p>11 pts</p> <p>Approaching Expectations</p>	<p>8 pts</p> <p>Incomplete</p>	<p>15 pts</p>
<p>Grammar / Mechanics / Format</p> <p>Edit for correct capitalization, spelling, punctuation, etc. Formatted, i.e. paragraphs, double-spaced, 12-point font</p>	<p>10 pts</p> <p>Exceeds Expectations</p>	<p>8 pts</p> <p>Meets Expectations</p>	<p>7 pts</p> <p>Approaching Expectations</p>	<p>5 pts</p> <p>Incomplete</p>	<p>10 pts</p>
Total Points: 50					