

10th Grade Summer Reading Text Suggestions

Fiction	Rationale/Comments
<p>1. <i>Persepolis</i> by Marjane Satrapi ISBN: 9780375714573</p>	<p>This is a graphic novel published in 2004. The author serves as the main character as she explains her life in Tehran from ages 6-14. This book shows readers what daily life was like in Iran. This is a great taste of literature in "comic book" fashion that will introduce students to new cultures while simultaneously engaging them with a fascinating story!</p>
<p>2. <i>The House on Mango Street</i> by Sandra Cisneros ISBN: 9780679734772</p>	<p>Cisneros tells the story of Esperanza, a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago. Cisneros uses a series of vignettes to tell Esperanza's story. This is a coming of age novel that most teens will be able to relate to in one form or fashion. This is a great option for reluctant readers as the stories are told in "bite size" pieces.</p>
<p>3. <i>The Alchemist</i> by Paulo Coelho ISBN: 9780062315007</p>	<p>Coelho uses magical realism to tell the story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy, who travels the world in search of treasure. This is a beautiful, uplifting story that touches on following one's dreams and listening to one's heart. This book is great for readers of all abilities and is a great "light" summer read!</p>

Nonfiction	Rationale/Comments
<p>1. <i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor: For Kids</i> by Thomas C. Foster ISBN- 9780062200853</p>	<p>This book would be a great introduction for our underclassmen into the world of analyzing literature. Foster uses well known literature to relate the ideas of symbolism, characterization, setting, plot, and so much more to young readers.</p>
<p>2. <i>An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments</i> by Ali Almosawwi ISBN- 9781615192250</p>	<p>This book addresses irrational arguments and teaches students about logical fallacies in a relatable, funny, and comprehensive way. The best part? It's illustrated!</p>
<p>3. <i>Wired to Create</i> By Scott B. Kaufman and Carolyn Gregoire ISBN- 9780399175664</p>	<p>This book dives into what innate drives we have to strive towards creativity. Based on psychologist Scott Barry Kaufman's groundbreaking research, <i>Wired to Create</i> offers a glimpse inside the "messy minds" of highly creative people. Revealing the latest findings in neuroscience and psychology, along with engaging examples of artists and innovators throughout history, the book shines a light on the practices and habits of mind that promote creative thinking.</p>