

English 11 and 11 Honors 2024 Summer Reading

The George Washington High School English Department has decided to continue offering student choice for the 2024 Summer Reading Program. This summer, students will select one book from the list, read the book, and then complete an assignment that demonstrates what they took away from their chosen work. The list that follows is designed to offer students a broad range of reading experiences that represent a variety of genres and cover topics of current interest to high school students. With this approach, we hope to see all students find a book that they can be excited to read as they enjoy the leisure time that summer provides.

The attached book list has Amazon links attached to each entry for easy purchase; however, GWHS will also be sending the list to Taylor Books and the Kanawha County Public Library. Copies of some selections may also be obtained from the school. Any student unable to access one of the books on our list should reach out to Mrs. Cathy Valleau or Mrs. Azareen Mullins via the email address below.

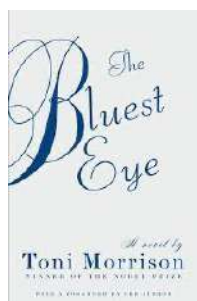
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Parents/Guardians: The following books vary in terms of content, message, language, and maturity level. Please guide your student in selecting a book that you feel is both beneficial and appropriate. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to find a book that fits these criteria, please email one of the above teachers. They will be happy to help you find an alternative solution.

Students entering 11th Grade may select from the following list of books:

(Assignment will be Due on Monday, May 26, 2024)



***The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison**

Genre: Fiction, African American Literature

Pecola Breedlove longs for blond hair and blue eyes, so that she will be as beautiful and beloved as all the blond, blue-eyed children in America. In the autumn of 1941, the marigolds in her garden will not bloom, and her wish will not come true. Pecola's life is about to change in other painful and devastating ways. A powerful interrogation of what it means to conform to an idea of beauty, *The Bluest Eye* asks vital questions about race, class and gender and remains one of Toni Morrison's most unforgettable works.

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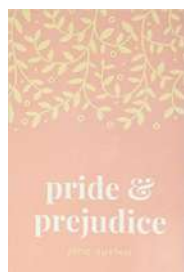


***The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon**

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

It is Natasha's last day in New York City, where she has lived for 10 years. Her family, living as undocumented immigrants in a small Brooklyn apartment are being deported to Jamaica after her father's arrest for drunk driving. Natasha is scouring the city for a chance to stay in the United States legally. She wants the normal teen existence of her peers. Meanwhile, poetic Daniel is on his way to an interview as part of his application process to Yale. He is under great pressure to get in because his parents (who emigrated from South Korea) are adamant that he become a doctor. Events slowly conspire to bring the two leads together. When Daniel and Natasha finally meet, he falls in love immediately and convinces her to join him for the day. -- **2016 National Book Award Finalist**

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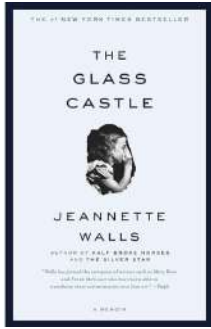


***Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen**

Genre: Classics

Pride and Prejudice is a comedy of manners centered around the Bennet family, a family of five daughters where the parents are desperate for at least one of them to make a wealthy match and save the next generation from destitution. Austen's story engages with the tension between marrying for love, rather than wealth or social prestige, and the pressure to assure financial security. Originally published in 1813, *Pride and Prejudice* is one of the best-loved and best-selling novels in English literature of all time.

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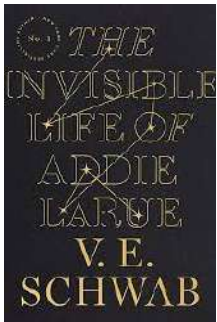


***The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls**

Genre: Nonfiction

The Glass Castle is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant. When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want the responsibility of raising a family. The Walls children learned to take care of themselves. They fed, clothed, and protected one another and eventually found their way to New York. Their parents followed them, choosing to be homeless even as their children prospered.

The Glass Castle is truly astonishing—a memoir permeated by the intense love of a peculiar but loyal family. **Order Here:** bit.ly/4bfZuX2



***The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab**

Genre: Historical Fiction, Fantasy

France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets.

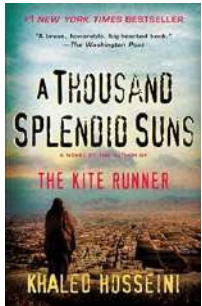
Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world.

But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.

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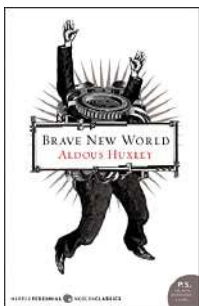
***A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini**

Genre: Fiction, Historical Fiction



Born a generation apart and with very different ideas about love and family, Mariam and Laila are two women brought jarringly together by war, by loss and by fate. As they endure the ever escalating dangers around them—in their home as well as in the streets of Kabul—they come to form a bond that makes them both sisters and mother-daughter to each other, and that will ultimately alter the course not just of their own lives but of the next generation. With heart-wrenching power and suspense, Hosseini shows how a woman's love for her family can move her to shocking and heroic acts of self-sacrifice, and that in the end it is love, or even the memory of love, that is often the key to survival. A stunning accomplishment, *A Thousand Splendid*

Suns is a haunting, heartbreaking, compelling story of an unforgiving time, an unlikely friendship, and an indestructible love. **Order Here:** amzn.to/2QiwsSB

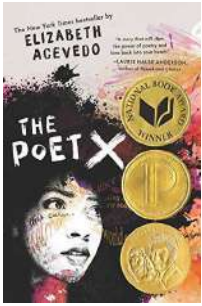


***A Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley**

Genre: Dystopian

Huxley's profoundly important classic of world literature, *Brave New World* is a searching vision of an unequal, technologically-advanced future where humans are genetically bred, socially indoctrinated, and pharmaceutically anesthetized to passively uphold an authoritarian ruling order—all at the cost of our freedom, full humanity, and perhaps also our souls.

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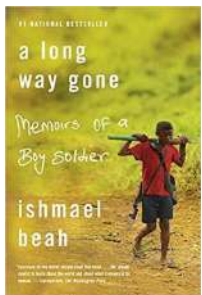


***The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo**

Genre: Contemporary Fiction, Poetry

Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers—especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about. With Mami's determination to force her daughter to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she doesn't know how she could ever attend without her mami finding out. But she still can't stop thinking about performing her poems. Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent.

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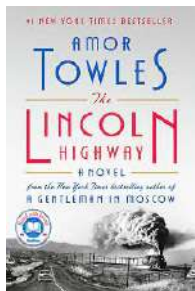


***A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah**

Genre: Memoir

The devastating story of war through the eyes of a child soldier. Beah tells how, at the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. By thirteen, he'd been picked up by the government army, and became a soldier. This is how wars are fought now: by children, hopped-up on drugs and wielding AK-47s. Children have become soldiers of choice. In the more than fifty conflicts going on worldwide, it is estimated that there are some 300,000 child soldiers. Ishmael Beah used to be one of them.

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***The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles**

Genre: Fiction, Historical Fiction

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the work farm where he has just served a year for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother and head west where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future. Spanning just ten days and told from multiple points of view, Towles's third novel will satisfy fans of his multi-layered literary styling while providing them an array of new and richly imagined settings, characters, and themes.

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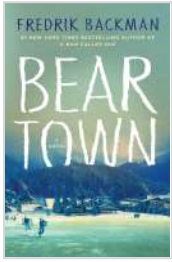


***Will Grayson, Will Grayson* by John Green and David Levithan**

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

One cold night, in a most unlikely corner of Chicago, Will Grayson crosses paths with . . . Will Grayson. Two teens with the same name, running in two very different circles, suddenly find their lives going in new and unexpected directions, and culminating in epic turns-of-heart and the most fabulous musical ever to grace the high school stage. Told in alternating voices from two YA superstars, this collaborative novel features a double helping of the heart and humor that have won them both legions of fans.

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***Beartown* by Fredrik Backman**

Genre: Psychological Fiction, Sports Fiction

Beartown's junior ice-hockey team is competing in the national semifinals when a violent act leaves a young girl traumatized and the town in turmoil. BEARTOWN explores the hopes that bring a small community together, the secrets that tear it apart, and the courage it takes for an individual to go against the grain.

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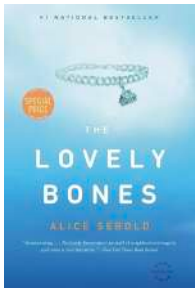
***Kindred* by Octavia Butler**

Genre: Historical Fiction, Science Fiction, Time Travel

The visionary author's masterpiece pulls us—along with her Black female hero—through time to face the horrors of slavery and explore the impacts of racism, sexism, and white supremacy then and now.

Dana, a modern Black woman, is celebrating her 26th birthday with her new husband when she is snatched abruptly from her home in California and transported to the antebellum South. Rufus, the white son of a plantation owner, is drowning, and Dana has been summoned to save him. Dana is drawn back repeatedly through time to the slave quarters, and each time the stay grows longer, more arduous, and more

dangerous until it is uncertain whether or not Dana's life will end, long before it has a chance to begin. **Order Here:** bit.ly/4bgMMr9



***The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold**

Genre: Fiction, Mystery, Crime

"My name was Salmon, like the fish; first name, Susie. I was fourteen when I was murdered on December 6, 1973."

So begins the story of Susie Salmon, who is adjusting to her new home in heaven, a place that is not at all what she expected, even as she is watching life on earth continue without her -- her friends trading rumors about her disappearance, her killer trying to cover his tracks, her grief-stricken family unraveling. Out of unspeakable tragedy and loss, *The Lovely Bones* succeeds, miraculously, in building a tale filled with hope, humor, suspense, even joy.

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***Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer**

Genre: Nonfiction, Adventure, Memoir

When Jon Krakauer reached the summit of Mt. Everest in the early afternoon of May 10, 1996, he hadn't slept in fifty-seven hours and was reeling from the brain-altering effects of oxygen depletion. As he turned to begin his long, dangerous descent from 29,028 feet, twenty other climbers were still pushing doggedly toward the top. No one had noticed that the sky had begun to fill with clouds. Six hours later and 3,000 feet lower, in 70-knot winds and blinding snow, Krakauer collapsed in his tent, freezing, hallucinating from exhaustion and hypoxia, but safe. The following morning, he learned that six of his fellow climbers hadn't made it back to their camp and were desperately struggling for their lives. When the storm finally passed, five of them would be dead, and the sixth so horribly frostbitten that his right hand would

have to be amputated. *Into Thin Air* is the definitive account of the deadliest season in the history of Everest by the acclaimed journalist and author of the bestseller *Into the Wild*. On assignment for *Outside Magazine* to report on the growing commercialization of the mountain, Krakauer, an accomplished climber, went to the Himalayas as a client of Rob Hall, the most respected high-altitude guide in the world. **Order Here:** bit.ly/3UGYRP9

Name: _____

Class: _____

Character Enneagram™ Analysis

Text Selection: _____

Character Name: _____

1 Learn the Enneagram Types

1 - The Reformer

Principled, Purposeful, Self-Controlled, Perfectionistic

Key Motivations: To be right, to strive higher and improve, to be consistent with their ideals, to justify themselves, to be beyond criticism so as not to be condemned.

2 - The Helper

Generous, Demonstrative, People-Pleasing, Possessive

Key Motivations: To be loved, to express their feelings for others, to be appreciated, to get others to respond to them, to vindicate their claims about themselves.

3 - The Achiever

Adaptable, Excelling, Driven, Image-Conscious

Key Motivations: To be affirmed, to distinguish themselves from others, to have attention, to be admired, and to impress others.

4 - The Individualist

Expressive, Dramatic, Self-Absorbed, Temperamental

Key Motivations: To express their individuality, to create and surround themselves with beauty, to maintain certain feelings, to take care of emotional needs.

5 - The Investigator

Perceptive, Innovative, Secretive, Isolated

Key Motivations: To possess knowledge, to understand the environment, to have everything figured out as a way of defending the self from threats.

6 - The Loyalist

Engaging, Responsible, Anxious, Suspicious

Key Motivations: To have security, to feel supported by others, to have reassurance, to test the attitudes of others toward them, to fight against anxiety and insecurity.

7 - The Enthusiast

Spontaneous, Versatile, Acquisitive, Scattered

Key Motivations: To maintain their freedom and happiness, to avoid missing out on worthwhile experiences, to keep themselves excited and occupied, to avoid pain.

8 - The Challenger

Self-Confident, Decisive, Willful, Confrontational

Key Motivations: To be self-reliant, to prove strength and resist weakness, to be important in the world, to dominate the environment, to stay in control of their situation.

9 - The Peacemaker

Receptive, Reassuring, Agreeable, Complacent

Key Motivations: To create harmony in their environment, to avoid conflicts and tension, to preserve things as they are, to resist whatever would upset or disturb them.

You can read more in detail by visiting The Enneagram Institute (<https://www.enneagraminstitute.com/type-descriptions>). If you're interested, head online and take the Enneagram test! There are many free versions online!

Character Enneagram™ Analysis

2 Self-Reflection What Enneagram are you? To what extent do you agree?

3 Character Overview

The Enneagram characterizes types by their best and worst qualities, as well as what each type looks like when it's "healthy" and "unhealthy." Read up on each character type at the Enneagram Institute's website. Then, using their descriptions, begin classifying your character.

My Character's Enneagram Type is:

Basic Fear:

Explain your answer:

Basic Desire:

Explain your answer:

Is your character a "healthy" or "unhealthy" type of his/her Enneagram type?
Explain your answer.

Character Enneagram™ Analysis

4 Character Analysis

In a well-written paragraph, explain your character's Enneagram type in detail.

Organize your paragraph using:

- **A central claim** (What is your character's Enneagram type?)
- **Textual support** (How do you know? What details from the text support your claim?)
- **Explanation** (Why does this matter? What connections can you make between this characterization and the plot, conflict, themes, or meaning of your text?)

Use the space below to record your answer or, if you wish, you can type your response.

What is your character's Enneagram type and how is it significant for character analysis? Support your answer with textual support.

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