1. Students will have **one required book to read.** That book will be the first book discussed in the term. These are tried and true books that students in the past have loved and still talk about with enthusiasm!!

**9th grade:** *Okay For Now* by Gary Schmidt  A 14 year old boy moves into a new town with no friends, an abusive father, and a bully older brother and then finds a friend with a fiery girl named Lily.

**10th grade:** *Night* by Elie Wiesel  True story of a teenage boy and his father who are sent to a concentration camp.

**11th grade:** *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck  Two friends find work on a ranch with a puppy, a pretty lady and her jealous husband--their boss!

**12th grade:** *Beowulf* (Burton Raffel translation)  An ancient superhero and his adventures with monsters!!

**Assignment:** Find ten quotes from the book that you found interesting and/or important (a line of dialogue/ a description/ a comment, etc.) and explain why you chose them. Notes on the required book will be due August 30th.

2. **Choice books. See suggestions below.** These books are not required and no penalty will be given if students do not read any of them.

Students who choose to participate may read as many books on the list as they like--they may also read books not on the list. For each book read, the student should fill out an index card.

The index card will contain the following:

- Student name and Title of book
- Rating (out of 10) and why they liked and/or disliked it
- One cool thing about book that people who just read the book jacket would not get

For each card a student submits, that student’s name will be put into a raffle for gift card (more books read, more tickets, more chances to win).

Suggestions are listed below for each grade but **do not feel limited by age group!!** You may read any book that looks interesting to you.

**Suggestions:**

**9th grade:**
- *The Alchemist* by Paolo Coelho. A magical story about a shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of treasure.
- *Perks of Being A Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. A 9th grade boy dealing with the suicide of a friend, writes letters to a friend.
- *Going Solo* by Roald Dahl. Author’s biography of war experience
- *Skink-- No Surrender* by Carl Hiassen  A 14 year old boy looks for his runaway cousin
10th grade:
I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai. Malala’s account of her experiences with terrorism and her struggle to fight for girls’ education.
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros. This book is about Esperanza Cordero, a young Latina girl, and her life growing up in Chicago with Chicanos and Puerto Ricans.
Lord of the Flies by William Golding. This book is about a group of British boys, who are stranded on a deserted island, and their disastrous attempt to govern themselves.
I Heard the Owl Call My Name by Margaret Craven A young pastor arrives in the Pacific Northwest of Canada and learns about life, love and death from the North American Indian village.

11th grade:
The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien. Fictional episodes about soldiers from Alpha Company who served in Vietnam.
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie. A 14 year old Native American boy decides to go to an allwhite school off the reservation.
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. A 16 year old girl witnesses a white police officer shoot and kill one of her friends--a young black man and decides to speak up

12th grade:
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen Humorous story of looking for love and marriage amongst English gentility.
Rebecca by Daphne DuMaurier A young woman marries a fascinating widower--with a secret!!
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde A creepy painting of a beautiful young man starts to change…(this is the opposite of Nanny McPhee)
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson. Dr. Jekyll creates a crazy alter ego for himself (Mr. Hyde) who starts to take over...

Do the above books not appeal? They do appeal but you want more? See links below!

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