



## English Department West Seneca West Senior High School

June 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians of English I Students:

Reading during the summer develops lifelong reading habits and is an important part of West Senior's English curriculum.

Summer reading for the 2023 school year is mandatory. During the summer, students must read one of the books listed on the attached page. Students will complete a written assessment in English class during the first week of school. We recommend students take notes while reading their book and/or bring their book to class the first week.

Each grade level has a different list, so students should be sure to choose from the list that corresponds to the grade level they are entering in September. *Students entering Grade 9 Honors, Grade 10 Honors, English IV Enriched and AP/Hilbert 12H have a different assignment.* Students who are enrolled in one of those classes in the fall but did not receive the assignment specific to that class can access the correct assignment on West Senior's website under *School Resources* and then under *English Summer Reading*.

The books on the list cover a wide range of reading levels and genres. If needed, students can receive help selecting a book from the list by speaking to their English teacher or Mrs. Knaze, West Senior's school librarian, before the end of school in June. While students may want to purchase a copy of the book to bring it to school in September, it is also possible to borrow the book from the library. Depending on availability, students can check out their selected book from West Senior's library before school ends in June or borrow it from the public library. An electronic copy of the book may be obtained using SORA, accessible through the West Senior library's web site at <http://wswshs.wscschools.libguides.com/home>, or through the West Seneca Public Library's catalog of ebooks and via Overdrive at [https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en\\_US/default](https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default). If students are borrowing a book/e-book from the library, they should take notes as they read to review before the in-class written assessment. *Students will not be permitted to use their phones to access ebooks or notes.*

We believe this program will enhance our students' reading skills. If students have any questions during the summer, they can email their previous English teacher or [jshubring@wscschools.org](mailto:jshubring@wscschools.org) or [pcarlone@wscschools.org](mailto:pcarlone@wscschools.org). We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to an exciting and successful school year!

Sincerely,

The Faculty of the West Seneca West English Department  
**Summer Reading List for Students Entering English I, 2023**

## **Teen Issues**

- *Skin* by Adrienne Maria Vrettos
- *Story of a Girl* by Sara Zarr

## **Sports**

- *Heat* by Mike Lupica
- *Crackback* by John Coy
- *The Energy Bus: 10 Rules to Fuel Your Life, Work, and Team With Positive Energy* by Jon Gordon

## **Adventure**

- *The Trap* by John Smelcer
- *Within Reach: My Everest Story* by Mark Pfetzer

## **Fantasy/Other Worlds**

- *The Last to Let Go* by Amber Smith

## **Science & Technology**

- *What the World Eats* by Peter Menzel and Faith D'Aluisio

## **Romance**

- *24 Girls in 7 Days* by Alex Bradley
- *Sweethearts* by Sara Zarr

## **Historical Fiction**

- *The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Bartoletti

## **Mystery/Suspense/Thrillers**

- *Peeled* by Joan Bauer
- *Dead Girls Don't Write Letters* by Gail Giles

## **Friendships**

- *Jellicoe Road* by Melina Marchetta
- *Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Conner

## **Social Issues**

- *The Sledding Hill* by Chris Crutcher
- *Because I Was A Girl: True Stories for Girls of All Ages* by Melissa de la Cruz

## **Guy Stuff**

- *You Don't Know Me* by David Klass
- *Okay for Now* by Gary Schmidt

## **Non-Fiction**

- *Knots in my Yo-yo String* by Jerry Spinelli
- *My Life in Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen

## **Biographies**

- *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali* by Walter Dean Myers

## **Classics**

- *The Complete Stories of Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle