

Summer 2013 Recommended Reading List  
Rising Tenth Grade  
2013-2014

Non-Fiction Books

**Aronson, Marc. *Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert***

Provides a detailed account of rescue efforts to save thirty-three miners, who got trapped in a copper-gold mine in San Jose, Chile, examining the psychological, physical, and environmental factors influencing the course of the rescue, and describing the efforts of experts from around the world.

**Kappes, Serena. *Alex Rodriguez: Hot corner, Hot Shot***

Profiles the life and career of Alex Rodriguez, a major league baseball player, covering his childhood, family, and awards, and includes career statistics.

**Lewis, Peter. *Martial Arts: Made Easy***

Provides information about the origins, styles, and practice of kung fu, karate, taekwondo, and ninjutsu, with photographs that illustrate various techniques, and includes discussions of martial arts weapons.

**Moore, Wes. *Discovering Wes Moore***

The author, a Rhodes Scholar and combat veteran, analyzes factors that influenced him as well as another man of the name and from the same neighborhood who was drawn into a life of drugs and crime and ended up serving life in prison

**O'Reilly, Bill. *Lincoln's Last Days: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever***

Provides an account of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, discussing how actor John Wilkes Booth and his fellow Confederate sympathizers hatched their murderous plot, and following the ensuing manhunt, trials, and executions of the conspirators.

**Sanna, Ellyn. *Muslims***

Explores the history of discrimination toward American Muslims, what is being done today to fight prejudice, personal stories of those affected, and more.

**Sheinkin, Steve. *Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon***

Examines the history of the atomic bomb, discussing the discovery of the behavior of uranium when placed next to radioactive material, the race to build a bomb, and the impact of the weapon on societies around the world.

**Stewart, Gail. *Missing Persons***

Looks at the methods and technologies used by investigators to find missing persons, explaining forensic techniques, and offering crime statistics, career information, and related facts.

**Rappaport, Doreen. *Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust***

Provides detailed accounts of twenty-one acts of defiance committed against Nazis in Nazi-occupied countries during World War II.

**Stone, Tanya. *Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers***

Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought against attacks perpetrated on the American West by the Japanese during World War II.

**Walker, Sally. *Blizzard of Glass: The Halifax Explosion of 1917***

Provides an account of the disaster that occurred on December 6, 1917, when two ships carrying munitions and relief supplies to Europe collided, causing an explosion that leveled the towns of Halifax and Dartmouth and resulted in the deaths of nearly two thousand people.

## Fiction Books

**Bacigalupi, Paolo. *The Drowned Cities***

In a dark future America that has devolved into unending civil wars, orphans Mahlia and Mouse barely escape the war-torn lands of the Drowned Cities, but their fragile safety is soon threatened and Mahlia will have to risk everything if she is to save Mouse, as he once saved her.

**Doctorow, Cory. *Pirate Cinema***

In a dystopian, near-future Britain, sixteen-year-old Trent, obsessed with making movies on his computer, joins a group of artists and activists who are trying to fight a new bill that will criminalize even more harmless internet creativity.

**Hesse, Karen. *Safekeeping***

When Radley returns to the United States after volunteering abroad, she comes back to a country under military rule with strict travel restrictions, and she must find her way back to her Vermont home through the New England woods.

**Johnson, Angela. *A Certain October***

After a terrible accident, Scotty feels responsible for the death of someone she hardly knew and struggles with her own reality while her friends and family deal with their own troubles, but the prospect of a boy and a dance add positive possibility back into Scotty's life.

**Lange, Erin Jade. *Butter***

Unable to control his binge eating, a morbidly obese teenager nicknamed Butter decides to make a live webcast of his last meal as he attempts to eat himself to death.

**Marsh, Katherine. *Jepp, Who Defied the Stars***

Jepp, a teenage dwarf living in 16th century Europe, leaves home to seek his destiny.

**Saenz, Benjamin Alire. *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe***

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

**Scheier, Leah. *Secret Letters***

Sixteen-year-old Dora travels to London to meet Sherlock Holmes, who might be her biological father, and ask his help for her cousin who is being blackmailed over some stolen letters, but although Holmes dies before she arrives, a handsome young detective comes to Dora's aid.

**Schreiber, Joe. *Au Revoir, Crazy European Chick***

Perry's parents insist that he take Gobi, their quiet, Lithuanian exchange student, to senior prom but after an incident at the dance he learns that Gobi is actually a trained assassin who needs him as a henchman, behind the wheel of his father's precious Jaguar, on a mission in Manhattan.

**Stevenson, Sarah Jamila. *The Latte Rebellion***

Asha Jamison and her best friend Carey, inspired by a racial insult, set off on a money-making trip, selling t-shirts to raise awareness for mixed-race students.

**Tanaka, Shelley. *Nobody Knows***

Twelve-year-old Akira must take care of his younger siblings after they are abandoned by their mother and left to fend for themselves in a Tokyo apartment.