

Welcome to Freshman English!

It's summer reading time!! Please pick a book from the list for your summer reading.

Due the first week of school will be your chapter breakdown (bring notebook to class).

Chapter Breakdown: in a notebook of your choice labeled "ENGLISH READING":

label top of pages with title & author of your book. with chapter title and chapter number, and/or section; plus page number. Then answer the W's: Who, What, Where, When, Why & How in complete sentences; also include personal thoughts and questions you have about that section.

Example:

(top of page) Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carrol

Chapter 1 pages 1-15

(answer these questions each chapter or group of pages - if no chapters listed)

Who is in this chapter?

What are they doing?

Where are they? City, house, park, list all locations.

When are they in time? Year and time of day.

Why are they doing what they're doing?

How are they doing the action?

Add any personal thoughts, comments, concerns about this chapter.

Book List:

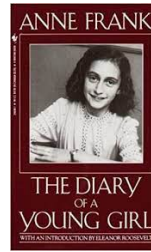
Please list your book in Google Classroom in the "Stream" under the post listed on May 27th.

<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i> by Anne Frank	Lexile 950
<i>The Secret Garden</i> by Frances Hodgson Burnett	Lexile 970
<i>North of Beautiful</i> by Justina Chen	Lexile 850
<i>Tuck Everlasting</i> by Natalie Babbitt	Lexile 770
<i>Of Mice and Men</i> by Job Steinbeck	Lexile 630
<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian</i> by Sherman Alexie	Lexile 600
<i>The War That Saved My Life</i> by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	Lexile 580

Each of these books are available at the Birchard Public Library. If you need help choosing, I have read all of these books and would be happy to discuss them with you!

Happy Reading!

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The Diary of a Young Girl

Anne Frank's extraordinary diary, written in the Amsterdam attic where she and her family hid from the Nazis for two years, has become a world classic and a timeless testament to the human spirit. Now, in a new edition enriched by many passages originally withheld by her father, we meet an Anne more real, more human, and more vital than ever. Here she is first and foremost a teenage girl—stubbornly honest, touchingly vulnerable, in love with life. She imparts her deeply secret world of soul-searching and hungering for affection, rebellious clashes with her mother, romance, and wry, candid observations of her companions. Facing hunger, fear of discovery and death, and the petty frustrations of such confined quarters, Anne writes with adult wisdom and views beyond her years. Her story is that of every teenager, lived out in conditions few teenagers have ever known.



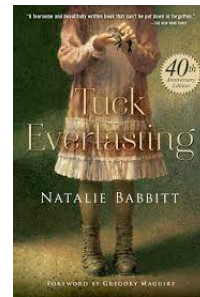
The Secret Garden

The plot centers round Mary Lennox, a young English girl who returns to England from India, having suffered the immense trauma by losing both her parents in a cholera epidemic. However, her memories of her parents are not pleasant, as they were a selfish, neglectful and pleasure-seeking couple. Mary is given to the care of her uncle Archibald Craven, whom she has never met. She travels to his home, Misselthwaite Manor located in the gloomy Yorkshire, a vast change from the sunny and warm climate she was used to. When she arrives, she is a rude, stubborn and given to stormy temper tantrums. However, her nature undergoes a gradual transformation when she learns of the tragedies that have befallen her strict and disciplinarian uncle whom she earlier feared and despised. Once when he's away from home, Mary discovers a charming walled garden which is always kept locked. The mystery deepens when she hears sounds of sobbing from somewhere within her uncle's vast mansion. The kindly servants ignore her queries or pretend they haven't heard, spiking Mary's curiosity.



North of Beautiful

As he continued to stare, I wanted to point to my cheek and remind him, But you were the one who wanted this, remember? You're the one who asked—and I repeat—Why not fix your face? It's hard not to notice Terra Cooper. She's tall, blond, and has an enviable body. But with one turn of her cheek, all people notice is her unmistakably "flawed" face. Terra secretly plans to leave her stifling small town in the Northwest and escape to an East Coast college, but gets pushed off-course by her controlling father. When an unexpected collision puts Terra directly in Jacob's path, the handsome but quirky Goth boy immediately challenges her assumptions about herself and her life, and she is forced in yet another direction. With her carefully laid plans disrupted, will Terra be able to find her true path?



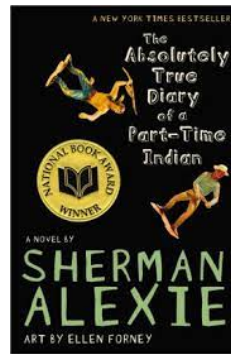
Tuck Everlasting

Doomed to – or blessed with – eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can. When ten-year-old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks take her home and explain why living forever at one age is less a blessing than it might seem. Complications arise when Winnie is followed by a stranger who wants to market the spring water for a fortune.



Of Mice and Men

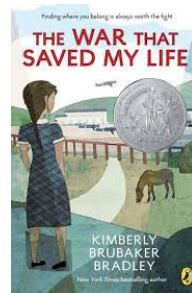
An intimate portrait of two men who cherish the slim bond between them and the dream they share in a world marred by petty tyranny, misunderstanding, jealousy, and callousness. Clinging to each other in their loneliness and alienation, George and his simple-minded friend Lennie dream, as drifters will, of a place to call their own—a couple of acres and a few pigs, chickens, and rabbits back in Hill Country where land is cheap. But after they come to work on a ranch in the fertile Salinas Valley of California, their hopes, like "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men," begin to go awry.



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live.



The War That Saved My Life

An exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War 2, from the acclaimed author of *Jefferson's Sons* and for fans of *Number the Stars*.

Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.

So begins a new adventure of Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother?

This masterful work of historical fiction is equal parts adventure and a moving tale of family and identity—a classic in the making.