

INCOMING TENTH GRADE: SUMMER READING LIST

- Abdul-Jabar, Kareem** **A Season with the Reservation: My Sojourn with the White Mountain Apaches** **NONFICTION**
An NBA legend writes a stirring account of a season spent coaching, mentoring, and learning from a unique high school basketball team.
- Adlington, L.J.** **The Diary of Pelly D.** **NOVEL**
Working on a demolition crew in a future world, Toni V. finds the buried diary of Pelly D. and begins to question what he has been told his whole life.
- Almond, Steve** **Candyfreak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America** **NON-FICTION**
Former journalist, Steve Almond, who admits that he has eaten a piece of candy every day of his life, writes a memoir/report/travelogue about the history of candy in America.
- Anderson, Laurie** **Catalyst** **NOVEL**
Eighteen-year-old Kate, who sometimes chafes at being a preacher's daughter, finds herself losing control in her senior year of high school as she faces the possibility that she may not be accepted by the college of her choice.
- Anderson, M.T.** **Feed** **SCIENCE FICTION**
Titus lives in a society dominated by the feed, an internet/television hybrid that is directly wired into the brain.
- Bachrach, Susan** **The Nazi Olympics** **NON-FICTION**
Recounts the story of the Olympics held in Berlin in 1936 and how the Nazis attempted to turn the games into a propaganda tool for their cause.
- Bagdasarian, Adam** **Forgotten Fire** **NOVEL**
A young Armenian boy poses as a deaf mute in a Turkish village in order to survive the genocide of the Armenians by the Turks.
- Bayoumi, Moustaft** **How Does It Feel To Be a Problem** **NONFICTION**
Relates the stories of young Arab and Muslim Americans who are making lives for themselves in a country that often mistakes them for the enemy.
- Bloor, Edward** **Tangerine** **NOVEL**
Paul Fisher's older brother Erik may be a high school football star, but he is no hero to Paul.
- Booth, Coe** **Tyrell** **NOVEL**
Tyrell must make painful choices as he confronts his mother's failure to do right by him and his brother.

- Burgess, Melvin** **Lady: My Life as a Bitch** **NOVEL**
When seventeen-year-old Sandra is accidentally turned into a dog, she's horrified at first, but soon starts to wonder if being human is worth the effort.
- Butcher, Jim** **Storm Front** **FANTASY**
Harry Dresden is a wizard who performs paranormal investigations.
- Cart, Michael** **My Father's Scar** **NOVEL**
A gay college student recalls a painful adolescence involving an abusive father, a weight problem, and a love of books that sets him apart.
- Chbosky, Stephen** **The Perks of Being a Wallflower** **NOVEL**
Charlie's letters to an anonymous friend cover the infinite highs and crushing lows of his first year in high school.
- Chambers, Veronica** **Mama's Girl** **BIOGRAPHY**
An African American girl speaks frankly about growing up without a father and her love/hate relationship with her mother.
- Chen, Da** **Colors of the Mountain** **BIOGRAPHY**
Though destined for a life of poverty and shame during the Chinese Cultural Revolution, Da Chen achieves unexpected success.
- Chotjewitz Grooms, David** **Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi** **NOVEL**
In 1933, best friends Daniel and Armin admire Hitler, but when Daniel learns he is half Jewish, their friendship is threatened.
- Cormier, Robert** **In the Middle of the Night** **NOVEL**
Denny discovers that when his father was a teen, he was accused of standing idly by as a group of disadvantaged children were killed in an accident.
- Crutcher, Chris** **Ironman** **NOVEL**
Bo Brewster is sent to an anger management group when his outbursts at school cost him his place on the football team.
- Dean, Carolee** **Comfort** **NOVEL**
Kenny's life as a student turns grim after his mother makes him quit football and work at the family owned café.
- Dessen, Sarah** **Dreamland** **NOVEL**
With Rogerson as a boyfriend, Caitlan feels she can be anybody until he begins to hit her.
- Deuker, Carl** **Heart of a Champion** **NOVEL**

Seth faces a strain on his friendship with Jimmy who is both a baseball champion and something of an irresponsible fool.

- Draper, Sharon Mills** **Tears of a Tiger** **NOVEL**
Three boys struggle to come to terms with the death of a friend in a drunk driving accident in which all four were involved.
- Gantos, Jack** **Hole in My Life** **BIOGRAPHY**
Gantos, today a successful author, relates how he turned his life around after being in federal prison for a get rich scheme that went wrong.
- Going, K.L.** **Saint Iggy** **NOVEL**
When Iggy is suspended from high school for an argument with a teacher, he becomes determined to change people's perception of him.
- Green, John** **Looking for Alaska** **NOVEL**
Miles is looking for the "great perhaps", and an Alabama boarding school offers the possibility of finding it.
- Grimes, Nikki** **Dark Sons** **NOVEL IN VERSE**
Alternating poems compare and contrast the feelings of Ishmael, son of the Biblical patriarch, and Sam, a teenager in New York City.
- Haddix, Margaret** **Turnabout** **SCIENCE FICTION**
At the age of 100 after secretly receiving injections that were meant to reverse the aging process, Melly and Anny Beth grow younger until, as teenagers, they must try to find a guardian to take care of them as they return to infancy.
- Herrera, Juan Felipe** **Crashboomlove** **NOVEL IN VERSE**
After his father leaves home, sixteen-year-old Cesar lives with his mother and struggles through some painful yet maturing experiences
- Hidier, Tanjua** **Born Confused** **NOVEL**
Dimple Lala is an ABCD, "American Born Confused Desai", a charming, articulate Indian teen spending her seventeenth summer trying to find herself.
- Jaramillo, Ann** **La Linea** **NOVEL**
When 15-year-old Miguel prepares to leave his poor Mexican village and cross the border illegally to join his parents, his younger sister's determination to accompany him imperils them both.
- Klause, Annette** **The Silver Kiss** **NOVEL**
A mysterious teenage boy harboring a dark secret helps Zoe come to terms with her mother's terminal illness.

- Korman, Gordon** **Son of the Mob** **NOVEL**
 Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.
- Krakauer, John** **Into Thin Air** **NONFICTION**
 A harrowing personal account of an ill-fated climb to the summit of Mt. Everest.
- Latifa** **My Forbidden Face** **NONFICTION**
 Sixteen-year-old Latifa, a girl from Afghanistan, dreams of becoming a journalist despite the Taliban's repression of women in her country.
- Lockhart, E.** **Dramarama** **NOVEL**
 A star-struck girl plunges into the crazed world of summer drama camp.
- Lynch, Chris** **Slot Machine** **NOVEL**
 A summer sports camp may prove too much for Elvin Bishop, a self-proclaimed non-athlete.
- Marsden, John** **Tomorrow, When the War Began** **NOVEL**
 Six teenagers returning from a camping trip discover that their families and town have been taken over by enemy soldiers.
- Mathabane, Mark** **Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa** **BIOGRAPHY**
 Despite overwhelming odds, a young South African boy triumphs over the degrading racism and dire poverty of his childhood.
- Mazer, Harry** **The Last Mission** **NOVEL**
 In 1944 a fifteen-year-old Jewish boy secretly enlists in the United States Air Corps and is subsequently taken prisoner by the Germans.
- Miller, Logan and Noah Miller** **Either You're in or You're in the Way**
NONFICTION
 Two brothers describe the making of their film "Touching Hope."
- Myers, Walter Dean** **Monster** **NOVEL**
 While on trial as an accomplice to murder, sixteen-year-old Steve records his experiences in the form of a film script.
- Na, An** **A Step from Heaven** **NOVEL**
 Young Ju's Korean immigrant parents don't want her to become too American in this classic novel about the conflict between home and community.

- Oates, Joyce Carol Big Mouth and Ugly Girl NOVEL
Accused of plotting to blow up his school, Matt finds an unlikely ally in an outspoken social outcast.
- Paulsen, Gary The Beet Fields NOVEL
A sixteen-year-old migrant worker is presented with the opportunity to change his life.
- Picoult, Jodi My Sister's Keeper NOVEL
Thirteen-year-old Anna was conceived after her older sister Kate developed leukemia and required a bone transplant. Now Anna's parents want her to donate a kidney.
- Plum-Ucci, Carol What Happened to Lani Garver NOVEL
Everything about Lani Garver is a mystery including where Lani comes from, how old Lani is and whether Lani is a boy or girl.
- Sage, Jesse Enslaved NONFICTION
True stories of modern day slavery.
- Salzman, Mark Iron and Silk BIOGRAPHY
A recent college graduate who also happens to be a martial arts expert spends a year in China teaching English.
- Santiago, Esmeralda When I Was Puerto Rican BIOGRAPHY
Teenager Esmeralda Santiago moves from Puerto Rico to New York to live with her grandmother and ultimately finds success as a student in a prestigious school for the arts.
- See, Lisa Snow Flower and the Secret Fan NOVEL
At the age of eighty Lily reflects on her life beginning with her "daughter days" when her feet were bound in Chinese tradition, and she learned to communicate in the women's secret language.
- Senna, Danzy Caucasia NOVEL
Separated when their parent's interracial marriage ends in divorce, light skinned Birdie and her dark skinned sister Cole lead very different lives while still hoping for a reunion with one another.
- Shaw, Susan The Boy from the Basement NOVEL
Charles, a twelve-year-old boy who has been confined to the basement by his abusive father, is accidentally locked out after sneaking outside one night, and ends up in the hospital where he gets the attention he needs.
- Shulman, Polly Enthusiasm NOVEL

- Julie and Ashleigh, high school sophomores and Jane Austen fans, fall for the same boy and struggle to hide their true feelings from one another while rehearsing for a school musical.**
- Sones, Sonya One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies NOVEL**
When her mother dies, fifteen-year-old Ruby moves to Los Angeles to join her estranged father, the movie star Whip Logan.
- Spiegelman, Art Maus I and II (students must read both) GRAPHIC NOVEL**
Retelling of the Holocaust using cats and mice as the characters.
- Strasser, Todd Give a Boy a Gun FICTION**
Two boys hold their classmates hostage at a high school dance.
- Tasjian, Janet The Gospel According to Larry NOVEL**
Seventeen-year-old Josh, who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention.
- Volponi, Paul Rooftop NOVEL**
There are no easy answers for his family or the African American community, after Clay witnesses the murder of his cousin by a police officer.
- Werlin, Nancy Double Helix NOVEL**
Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering.
- Westerfield, Scott Uglies FANTASY**
Tally lives in a country where transformation into a super beauty takes place when a girl turns sixteen.
- White, Robb Deathwatch NOVEL**
Needing money to pay college tuition, Ben agrees to work as a hunting guide, a decision that nearly costs him his life.
- Yolen, Jane Armageddon Summer NOVEL**
In alternating chapters, Marina and Jed tell how they witnessed a cult's preparation for the end of the world.
- Zenatti, Valerie When I Was a Soldier BIOGRAPHY**
Zenatti, the first among her group of friends to be called for military service, chronicles two years of duty in the Israeli army.

