



Rising Tenth Grade Summer Reading List

Students in a college prep class must read ONE book from either list. Students in honors and gifted classes must read TWO books, one from each list.

Can't Get There From Here by Todd Strasser A group of homeless teens try to survive on the streets of New York during a bitterly cold winter. A young girl named Maybe witnesses the danger of this lifestyle and tries to help before it is too late.

Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi A postapocalyptic adventure in which young people scavenge useable material from wrecked ships. A young man named Nailer meets a girl who promises to show him a different kind of life if he helps her. But can he trust her?

Fire from the Rock by Sharon Draper Set in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957, this book describes the life of a girl named Sylvia who is one of the first black students to go to the newly integrated high school. She and her family have to endure many acts of injustice as the town resists integration.

Asleep by Wendy Raven McNair A girl named Adisa discovers her boyfriend has super powers. This is a romantic fantasy novel set in Atlanta.

Nothing to Lose by Alex Flinn A year after running away with a traveling carnival to escape his unbearable home life, sixteen-year-old Michael returns to Miami, Florida, to find that his mother is going on trial for the murder of his abusive stepfather.

Code Orange by Caroline Cooney While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100- year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

Rucker Park Setup by Paul Volponi While playing in a crucial basketball game on the very court where his best friend was murdered, Mackey tries to come to terms with his own part in that murder and decide whether to maintain his silence or tell J.R.'s father and the police what really happened.

Sammy & Juliana in Hollywood by Benjamin Alire Saenz As a Chicano boy living in the unglamorous town of Hollywood, New Mexico, and a member of the graduating class of 1969, Sammy Santos faces the challenges of "gringo" racism, unpopular dress codes, the Vietnam War, barrio violence, and poverty.

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel into the future, where he discovers the childlike Eloi and the hideous underground Morlocks.

Sunrise over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

What Happened to Cass McBride? by Gail Giles After his younger brother commits suicide, Kyle Kirby decides to exact revenge on the person he holds responsible.

Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen- year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

Honors and Gifted Students must read one book from the list below as well as one from the list above:

Annie John by Jamaica Kincaid A mother-daughter coming of age story set in Antiqua. Annie John is ten years old when the story opens and grows to learn about life and the true nature of the world.

Antigone by Sophocles A classic Greek play that tells the story of a girl who begs for the proper treatment and burial of her brother.

Cyrano de Bergerac by Edmond Rostand A comic French play about misunderstood love. Cyrano is a man who feels so hopelessly ugly that he cannot woo his beloved Roxanne. She falls for another man.

Kaffir Boy by Mark Mathabare The autobiographical story of a young man living in South Africa during the time of apartheid. He describes the horrors and difficulties of this life and the way he eventually escaped.

The Sword in the Stone by T.H. White The story of the young King Arthur and medieval England.

Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi A graphic novel in which the author shares the story of her life in Tehran, Iran, where she lived from ages six to fourteen while the country came under control of the Islamic regime.