



The Woodlands College Park High School

Conroe Independent School District

English I Level

2020-2021 Summer Reading

In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners.

"What we know is that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development while kids who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency..."

Richard Allington, professor of literacy studies and past-president of the International Reading Association and the Literacy Research Association

We, in Conroe ISD, do maintain our belief in the power of reading for all students. In order to maintain reading skills and continue to grow a reading life, we encourage all students to continue reading over the summer.

In light of the current public health situation and modified learning environment, we will not be requiring students to complete any accompanying assignment or project for any suggested summer reading for the 2020-2021 school year.

Even though there is not a required summer reading project this year, summer reading is still highly suggested to better your transition into 9th grade. Below is a list of suggestions for those of you who are interested in reading something new.

The Book Suggestions: Parents, as always, please look at the titles before consenting as a precaution as some books contain mature content. (SEE <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/> for parental reviews.)

1. ***American Royals*** by Katharine McGee, published by Random House, 2019. What if America had a royal court? Future queen of America, Beatrice tries to follow her destiny and her heart. Adventure, Romance
2. ***Anger is a Gift*** by Mark Oshiro, published by Tor Teen, a Tom Doherty Associates Book, 2018. Moss struggles with severe anxiety and self-doubt. When two of his friends are hurt by cops at school, he helps organize a protest. When the protest turns tragic, Moss has to face a difficult choice. Realistic Fiction
3. ***Four Three Two One*** by Courtney Stevens, published by HarperTeen, an Imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2018. The only four survivors of a bus bomb have to learn about themselves and realize living is different than surviving. They have to overcome survivors' guilt and open up to each other to get through their journey. Realistic Fiction
4. ***Opposite of Always*** by Justin A. Reynolds, published by Katherine Tegen, 2019. Jacks falls in love with Kate and then loses her. A twist of fate allows him to time travel. Will the choices he makes save Kate, or will they alter the course of his life in a different way? Realistic Fiction, Romance
5. ***Darius the Great is Not Okay*** by Adib Khorrani, published by Dial Books, 2018. Darius is an average American sophomore, but he's not very popular and dealing with questions like "What do you have to be sad about" make his battle with depression a little more difficult. A trip to Iran to visit his mother's family teaches him more about life and what he's made of than he ever thought he'd learn. Realistic Fiction
6. ***Let Me Hear a Rhyme*** by Tiffany D. Jackson; with lyrics by Malik "Malik-16" Sharif, published by Katherine Tegen Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2019. It's 1998 in Brooklyn, and hip-hop is king. Steph had a promising career in music, but he's been shot and killed. While his friends and sister mourn his death, they also try to promote his music and solve the mystery of who killed him. Realistic Fiction
7. ***The Past and Other Things that Should Stay Buried*** by Shaun David Hutchinson, published by Simon Pulse, 2019. Dino and July were best friends and then they were not. Then July died! While working at his family's funeral home, Dino is shocked when July sits up. While they try to figure out how this could happen, they get a chance to reconcile. Realistic Fiction, Science Fiction

8. ***Heretics Anonymous*** by Katie Henry, published by Katherine Tegen Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2018. Michael is new at St. Clare's high school. He finds himself joining a group of quirky misfits, making waves as they try to make a difference. Realistic Fiction
9. ***We Hunt the Flame*** by Hafsah Faizal, published by Farrar Straus Giroux, 2019. In the disguise of the Hunter, Zafira begins a journey to find a lost artifact that can restore magic to her land. Nasir, the Prince of Death, has been ordered to also find the artifact--and then kill the Hunter. Their quest will bring them together in a magical Arabia full of mystery, enemies, friendships, and secrets. Fantasy
10. ***Screenshot*** by Donna Cooner, published by Point, 2018. Popular Skye's best friend films an embarrassing video of her and posts it online. Although her friend quickly deletes it, Skye soon finds herself being blackmailed by someone threatening to release the video. How will she handle trying to keep her perfect reputation?
Mystery/Suspense, Realistic Fiction

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