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English 9 & Advanced English 9

Stories about JOURNEYS

Students entering grade 9 will choose ONE book from the list below to read over the summer. Within the first week of school, students will be asked to complete a writing assignment in class on their book of choice. To prepare for this, read the book and take notes (or annotate). If you have questions, please direct them to Christy Dooley (christy.dooley@trussvillecityschools.com).

- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkein
- *Love & Gelato* by Jenna Evans Welch
- *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger
- *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys
- *Summer of the Mariposas* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
- *The Library of Legends* by Janie Chang
- *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown
- *Dry* by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman
- *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway

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English 10

Stories about IDENTITY

Students entering grade 10 who are NOT taking Advanced Placement will choose ONE book from the list below to read over the summer. Within the first week of school, students will be asked to complete a writing assignment in class on their book of choice. To prepare for this, read the book and take notes (or annotate). If you have questions, please direct them to Kathryn Rasberry (kathryn.rasberry@trussvillecityschools.com).

- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent* by Julia Alvarez
- *Impossible Music* by Sean Williams
- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi
- *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano
- *Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang
- *Sadie* by Courtney Summers
- *Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson

Advanced Placement English 10 - AP Seminar

Students entering grade 10 and taking AP Seminar will read *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. In addition to the writing assignment that will be given within the first week of school, this book will also be used during the first unit of study.

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English 11

Stories about JUSTICE

Students entering grade 11 who are NOT taking Advanced Placement will choose ONE book from the list below to read over the summer. Within the first week of school, students will be asked to complete a writing assignment in class on their book of choice. To prepare for this, read the book and take notes (or annotate). If you have questions, please direct them to Jennifer Coleman (jennifer.coleman@trussvillecityschools.com).

- *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines
- *The Gilded Ones* by Namina Forna
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
- *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei
- *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
- *You're Welcome, Universe* by Whitney Gardner
- *Adnan's Story* by Rabia Chaudry
- *The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley

Advanced Placement English 11 - AP Language & Composition

Students entering 11th grade and taking AP Language & Composition will read *The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Ray Hinton. Students will also be asked to read *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds within the first few weeks of school, so students who want to get a head start on their reading may want to go ahead and read *Long Way Down* over the summer.

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English 12, Dual Enrollment English 12, and AP Literature & Composition

Stories about WIDENING YOUR WORLD

Students entering grade 12 will choose ONE book from the list below to read over the summer. Within the first week of school, students will be asked to complete a writing assignment in class on their book of choice. To prepare for this, read the book and take notes (or annotate). If you have any questions, please direct them to Lacey deShazo (lacey.deshazo@trussvillecityschools.com).

- *Pride & Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuro Ishiguro
- *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch
- *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles
- *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng
- *Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nahesi Coates
- *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls
- *Know My Name* by Chanel Miller

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