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June 2009

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- 9R** Heaven by Angela Johnson
Artemis Fowl by Evin Colfer
Slam by Walter Dean Myers
Students choose ONE to read
- 9HI** The Clan of the Cave Bear by Jean Auel
Students read and complete Literature Review Sheets
- 10R** The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashores
Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez
Hole in my Life by Jack Gantos
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- 10H** The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
Students read and complete questions.
- 11R** A Walk to Remember by Nicholas Sparks
Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment by James Patterson
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
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- 11H** Short Stories by E.A. Poe
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Students read BOTH and complete questions.
- 11AP** Short Stories by E.A. Poe
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Students read BOTH and complete questions AND non-fiction assignment
- 12R** Twilight by Stephanie Meyer
Ordinary People by Judith Guest
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
Students choose ONE to read.
- 12H** Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Students read BOTH and complete writing assignment.
- 12AP** All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
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Dear Parents and **West Hempstead Honors and AP students,**

Attached is a list of the 2009 **REQUIRED** Summer Reading Program selections for the **Honors and AP levels** (9HI, 10H, 11H, 11AP Language, 12H, and 12AP Literature). Students in grades 9 and 10 have ONE required selections; grades 11 and 12 have TWO required selections.

Each of the books has been carefully chosen by the teachers in the high school English department and will be discussed in class during quarter one.

The assignments for each selection are **mandatory** and will be collected on the first day of class. All students will be tested on Monday, September 14th. The list and assignments can be downloaded from the District Website – www.whufsd.com. It is important that students complete these assignments personally and not download information from a computer site or use Spark notes to answer questions or to compile information for a chart.

It is the English department's desire to promote the skill of close independent reading through these assignments. Proficiency in this skill is a desired exit – outcome of our English program and for students attending competitive level college programs, close reading is a necessity.

We thank you for your cooperation with and participation in our Summer Reading Program 2009.

Enjoy the summer.

Best Wishes,

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Dear Parents and West Hempstead Regents Level students,

Attached is a list of the 2009 **REQUIRED** Summer Reading Program for the **REGENTS** level (9R, 10R, 11R, 12R).

Students **MUST** read **ONE** book. There will be a multiple choice test on Monday, September 14th on the book you've chosen to read. Your score on this test will be your first grade in Quarter 1; if you choose to read a **second** book, request to take that test also and the results will be considered extra credit.

It is the desire of the English department to promote independent reading, a skill very important to a student's academic development. To achieve this, we need your cooperation; therefore, please see that your child reads at least one selection.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. The English department carefully chose these titles balancing age level interest and quality of writing.

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LITERATURE REVIEW SHEET

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Period: _____

TITLE AND AUTHOR _____

Genre: _____

Character Name	Character Traits	Evidence from book	Theme/s	Evidence of theme/s	Conflicts in book	Evidence of Conflicts

LITERATURE REVIEW SHEET

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NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____

TITLE AND AUTHOR: _____

PERIOD: _____

Literary Elements found in story (setting, theme)	Examples of elements significance of particular element	Literary Devices (irony, symbols, motifs, simile, metaphor, images, allusions, etc.)	Examples of Devices and their Significance

10H Summer Reading Assignment

The following must be presented to your teacher on the first day of class.

- A. Identify, list and define all unfamiliar vocabulary words from the novel.
- B. Complete the following questions :
 1. Were you surprised to learn that T. Ray used to be different, that once he truly loved Deborah? How do you think Deborah's leaving affected him? Did it shed any light on why T. Ray was so cruel and abusive to Lily?
 2. Had you ever heard of "kneeling on grits"? What qualities did Lily have that allowed her to survive, endure, and eventually thrive, despite T. Ray?
 3. Lily's relationship to her dead mother was complex, ranging from guilt to idealization, to hatred, to acceptance. What happens to a daughter when she discovers her mother once abandoned her? Is Lily right – would people generally rather die than forgive? Was it harder for Lily to forgive her mother or herself?
 4. What compelled Rosaleen to spit on the three men's shoes? What does it take for a person to stand up with conviction against brutalizing injustice? What did you like best about Rosaleen?
 5. How would you describe Lily and Zach's relationship? What drew them together? Did you root for them to be together?
 6. Project into the future. Does Lily ever see her father again? Does she become a beekeeper? A writer? What happens to Rosaleen? What happens to Lily and Zach? What would Zach be today?

Summer Reading / Writing Assignment for 11H and 11AP :

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

1. **Briefly** characterize Huck, Tom, Pap, and Jim.
2. Explain briefly how the setting affects Huck Finn's behavior:
 - A). on land
 - B). on the river
3. Identify and briefly discuss a theme from the novel.
4. Discuss and provide examples of Huck and Jim's evolving relationship.
5. Discuss how the novel ends the way it began.

Poe's Short Stories

Read "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Masque of Red Death," "The Pit and the Pendulum," "The Black Cat," and "The Cask of Amontillado."

1. Identify, list and define all unfamiliar vocabulary words from **each** story.
2. List the following for **each** story:
 - A. Characters
 - B. Setting
 - C. Point of View
 - D. Theme
 - E. Foreshadowing/Symbolism/Irony
3. Identify the **tone*** of each Poe story and for Huck Finn, and explain the literary means by which you identified it.

tone*

Similar to mood, tone describes the author's attitude toward his or her material, the audience, or both. Tone is easier to determine in spoken language than in written language. Considering how a work would sound if it were read aloud can help in identifying an author's tone. Some words describing tone are playful, serious, businesslike, sarcastic, humorous, formal, ornate, and somber.

4. List the characteristics of Poe's writing **style**** by means of his use of language.

style**

Stylistic devices: An essay that mentions stylistic devices is asking you to note and analyze all of the elements in language that contribute to style – such as diction, syntax, tone, attitude, figures of speech, connotations, and repetition.

5. List the characteristics of Twain's writing style by means of his use of language.

English 11AP Summer Reading Assignment 2009 – 2010

Incoming 11 Advanced Placement students will complete the following *IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIRED ASSIGNMENT FOR 11 HONORS*:

Choose one **non-fiction** book (including biographies, memoirs, scientific treatises such as Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time*, or political treatises such as Barack Obama's *The Audacity of Hope*, or others related to an area of interest for you). Carefully read it and either take notes or annotate it. Then write a **book review**.

In this review, you must :

- Give title and author.
- Tell to what type of reader the book might appeal (including, if appropriate, age, gender, level of education, and any other criteria you deem necessary).
- List some particular aspects of the topic which the book covers.
- Analyze the author's **style** (sentence structure and level of sophistication; diction; tone; use of imagery and other literary devices) including **at least one quotation from the text** in order to demonstrate the points you make.
- Enclose the quote in quotation marks, use the ellipsis (...) to denote skipped sections or sentences, and follow it with a page number in parentheses.
- Give your **opinion** of the book – good, bad, or in between – and back it up with specific examples from the text.
- Type it in a simple, **easy-to-read 12 point font** (such as Times New Roman, Arial, Verdana or Tahoma) – **double-spaced**.
- Bring the completed book review to class on the first day; save a copy to your hard drive and/or flash drive.

For a list of suggested nonfiction titles, Google “nonfiction bestsellers” or “nonfiction bestsellers 2008.” If you want a book about a particular field of interest, add that in the search box [“nonfiction booklist sports” or “nonfiction booklist history”]. You may do the same at Amazon.com and/or barnesandnoble.com.

In addition to reading and answering questions on Wuthering Heights and All the Pretty Horses, you must write your COLLEGE ESSAY.

When you return in September, I will administer a test on the summer readings. Then, we will focus on your college essays, giving you an opportunity to revise, edit and rewrite your essays.

Below I have printed a section from the COMMON APPLICATION which provides topics for your selection. Develop one of the topics and submit this essay on the first day of school.

Personal Essay

Please write an essay (250 words minimum) on a topic of your choice or on one of the options listed below. **Please indicate your topic by checking the appropriate box.** This personal essay helps us become acquainted with you as a person and student, apart from courses, grades, test scores, and other objective data. It will also demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself.

- 1. Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
- 2. Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
- 3. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
- 4. Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.
- 5. A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community, or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.
- 6. Topic of your choice.



The novels I am assigning this summer are Cormac McCarthy's All the Pretty Horses and Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights.

Assignment:

1. Read both works thoroughly. Enjoy them. Read them at the beginning of the summer and, then, read them both again at the end of August. The second reading should be a close reading. Since you know the story already, the second reading gives you an opportunity for analysis. Your goal is study closely the writer's craft.

Consider the following: To understand tone is to understand meaning. If you misunderstood the author's tone, you have misunderstood the author's meaning.

Carefully look at diction, imagery, syntax, figurative language, symbols and motifs the author uses and develops in order to set tone.

2. For All the Pretty Horses find and identify 2 passages that remind you of Huck Finn. Take notes on the selections you have made. Focus on what elements in them seem somehow connected to Huck Finn and explain why.
3. Answer the following questions for Wuthering Heights carefully. You are expected to cite the novel to support your answers.

Questions:

1. In the first two chapters, Lockwood tries to read the residents of Wuthering Heights, trying to decipher their relationships and personalities, etc. Focusing on two of these attempts, consider what Lockwood's perceptions suggest about his abilities to read a situation. Given that he is the narrator, how does the opening set us up as readers of the novel?
2. What is the effect of filtering Heathcliff and Catherine's story through Lockwood's and Nelly Dean's accounts?
3. Analyze the scene which precedes the ghost's arrival at the casement window. Why does the ghost appear to Lockwood and not to Heathcliff?
4. How do each of the members of the family respond to Heathcliff when he first enters into Earnshaw family? Describe his early relationship with Mr. Earnshaw, Catherine and Hindley.
5. Why are there so many eruptions of violence in the novel? What do these repetitions of violence suggest? Discuss two scenes in detail.
6. Consider all the triangulated relationships in the novel. What do they suggest about the structure of desire?
7. How does the isolation and location of the novel's northern Yorkshire setting influence the tone and events of the story? What are the symbolic elements of tone and in the story?
8. What are the symbolic elements to the descriptions of the houses and their landscapes?

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT FOR ENGLISH 12HC

In literature, most characters undergo a metamorphosis as a result of specific events in their life. Using *Frankenstein* or *The Kite Runner*, show how the protagonist changes during the course of the novel. Provide specific examples that chronicle this change.

SUMMER READING SELECTIONS 2009

TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	SUMMARY
A Thousand Splendid Suns	Hosseini, Khaled	Historical	A novel set against the three decades of Afghanistan's history shaped by Soviet occupation, civil war, and the Taliban, which tells the stories of two women, Mariam and Laila, who grow close despite their nineteen-year age difference and initial rivalry as they suffer at the hand of a common enemy: their abusive husband.
After the Death of Anna Gonzalez	Fields, Terri	Novel in Poems	Poems written in the voices of 47 people record the aftermath of a high school student's suicide.
All-American Girl	Cabot, Meg	Teen	A sophomore girl stops a presidential assassination attempt, is appointed teen ambassador to the United Nations, and catches the eye of the very cute First Son.
American Born Chinese	Yang, Gene Luen	Graphic Novel	Through three interconnected stories, this graphic novel explores racism and self-hatred as a Chinese American adolescent struggles to come to terms with his heritage.
An Abundance of Katherines	Green, John	Realistic Fiction	After the 19 th girl named Katherine breaks his heart, Colin and his friend Hassan hit the road. Can a mathematical formula help a former child prodigy find the new love of his life?
Angels and Demons	Brown, Dan	Adventure Fiction	World-renowned Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is summoned to a Swiss research facility to analyze a mysterious symbol seared into the chest of a murder victim, where he discovers evidence of the resurgence of an ancient brotherhood with a vendetta against the Catholic Church.
Antarctica: Journeys to the South Pole	Myers, Walter Dean	Non-Fiction	A chilling record of the dangerous exploration of this frozen continent throughout history.
Artemis Fowl	Colfer, Eoin	Fantasy Fiction	When a twelve-year old genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.
Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing	Anderson, M. T.	Historical	He was raised as an experiment and considered a piece of property. Now that revolution has come to America, will Octavian find freedom?
Battle of Jericho	Draper, Sharon	Realistic	A high school junior and his cousin suffer the ramifications of joining what seems to be a "reputable" school club.
Before We Were Free	Alvarez, Julia	Historical	In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, 12-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.
Blue Bloods/Masquerade	De la Cruz, Melissa	Horror	Schuyler Van Alen, a loner at a prestigious New York City private school, sets out to learn the secrets of the Blue Bloods, an ancient group of vampires.
Body of Christopher Creed	Plum-Ucci, Carol	Mystery	Three classmates implicate themselves while trying to solve the mystery of the class outcast's disappearance.
Book Thief	Zusak, Markus	Historical	Death colors (and narrates) this complex, devastating story set in Nazi Germany, in which orphaned Liesel befriends a Jew hidden by her guardians and finds solace in stolen books.
Boot Camp	Strasser, Todd	Realistic	After ignoring several warnings to stop dating his teacher, Garrett is sent to Lake Harmony, a boot camp that uses unorthodox and brutal methods to train students to obey their parents.
Born Confused	Desai Hidier, Tanuja	Realistic Fiction	Dimple, whose family is from India, discovers that she is not Indian enough for the Indians and not American enough for the Americans.
Born to Rock	Korman, Gordon	Humor	High school senior Leo Caraway, a conservative Republican, learns that his biological father is a punk rock legend.
Breathing Underwater	Flinn, Alex	Teen	Sent to counseling for hitting his girlfriend, and ordered to keep a journal, 16 year old Nick examines his controlling behavior and anger, and describes living with his abusive father.
Car Trouble	DuPrau, Jeanne	Adventure Fiction	Early one August morning, seventeen-year-old computer "nerd" Duff Pringle leaves Richmond, Virginia, in a newly-acquired used car and begins an unexpectedly convoluted journey to San Jose, California, and the job that awaits him there.
Certain Slant of Light	Whitcomb, Laura	Fantasy	After benignly haunting a series of people for 130 years, Helen meets a teenage boy who can see her and

			together they unlock the mysteries of their pasts.
Christopher Killer	Ferguson, Alane	Mystery	On the payroll as an assistant to her coroner father, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney uses her knowledge of forensic medicine to catch the killer of a friend while putting herself in terrible danger.
Cirque du Freak	Shan, Darren	Horror	Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices. (Book 1 in the Saga of Darren Shan series)
City of Ember	DuPrau, Jeanne	Fantasy	In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Linda trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.
Clay	Almond, David	Horror	The relationship between teenager Davie and a mysterious new boy in town morphs into something darker and more sinister when Davie learns firsthand of the boy's supernatural powers.
Code Orange	Cooney, Caroline	Suspense	While conducting research for a high school biology report, a teenage boy unwittingly puts himself and others in danger
Color of Water	McBride, James	Biography	Ruth McBride Jordan, a Jewish immigrant from Poland, married an African-American man here and successfully raised 12 children from her 2 marriages despite poverty and racism.
Copper Sun	Draper, Sharon	Historical	Two 15 year old girls, one a slave and the other an indentured servant, escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.
Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Haddon, Mark	Mystery	Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically gifted, autistic 15-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.
Cuba 15	Osa, Nancy	Realistic Fiction	Violet Paz, a Chicago high school student, reluctantly prepares for her upcoming "quince," a Spanish nickname for the celebration of a Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday.
Cut	McCormick, Patricia	Realistic Fiction	While confined to a mental hospital, Callie slowly comes to understand some of the reasons behind her self-mutilation and gradually gets better.
DaVinci Code	Brown, Dan	Suspense	Symbologist Robert Langdon works to solve a murder, a case that leads to clues hidden in the works of Da Vinci and an ancient secret society.
Demonata	Shan, Darren	Horror	A teenage boy must outwit not only the mental health professionals determined to cure his delusions, but also the demonic forces only he can see.
Digital Fortress	Brown, Dan	Suspense	Cryptographer Susan Fletcher finds herself fighting for her country, her life, and the life of the man she loves when she is called in by the National Security Agency to decipher a mysterious code and discovers a plot that has the power to cripple U.S. intelligence.
Eagle Blue: A Team, a Tribe, and a High School Basketball Season ...	D'Orso, Michael	Non-Fiction	Life in a remote Alaskan village is transformed by the championship aspirations of the high school basketball team.
Elsewhere	Zevin, Gabrielle	Fantasy Fiction	After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."
Eragon	Paolini, Christopher	Fantasy Fiction	In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini	Fleischman, Sid	Biography	In a spellbinding biography that details Houdini's rise to fame and his continual self-reinvention, the enthusiasm of fellow magician Fleischman proves infectious.
Fallen Angels	Myers, Walter Dean	Historical Fiction	Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.
First Part Last	Johnson, Angela	Realistic Fiction	Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.
Firestorm	Klass, David	Science Fiction	After learning that he has been sent from the future for a special purpose, eighteen-year-old Jack receives help from an unusual dog and a shape-shifting female fighter.
For One More Day	Albom, Mitch	Realistic	This is the story of a mother and a son, and a relationship that lasts a lifetime and beyond and the

		Fiction	“ordinary” day so many yearns for, a chance to make good with a lost parent, to explain family secrets and to seek forgiveness.
Frogs & French Kisses	Sarah.Mylnoski,	Fantasy Fiction	Love spells run amok in New York City when high school freshman Rachel asks her younger sister, who is a witch, for magical help in winning the affection of heartthrob Raf Kosravi.
From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun	Woodson, Jacqueline	Realistic Fiction	Thirteen-year-old Melanin Sun's comfortable, quiet life is shattered when his mother reveals she has fallen in love with a woman.
Gemma Doyle Trilogy	Bray, Libba	Historical	After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.
Gingerbread	Cohn, Rachel	Realistic	After being expelled from a fancy boarding school, Cyd Charisse's problems with her mother escalate after Cyd falls in love with a sensitive surfer and is subsequently sent from San Francisco to New York City to spend time with her biological father.
Girl With a Pearl Earring	Chevalier, Tracy	Historical	A 17 th century servant girl knows her place in the household of a famous painter, but when he begins to paint her, nasty whispers and rumors circulate throughout the town.
Glass Castle	Walls, Jeannette	Realistic	The author recalls her life growing up in a dysfunctional family with an alcohol father and distant mother and describes how she and her siblings had to fend for themselves until they finally found the resources and will to leave home.
Golden Compass	Pullman, Philip	Fantasy	Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming subjects of gruesome experiments in the Far North.
Grease Monkey: A Tale of Growing Up in Orbit	Eldred, Tim	Graphic Novel	In this hilarious graphic novel, a teen spaceship mechanic learns to adjust to his crotchety new boss, who happens to be a gorilla.
Greatest Stories Never Told: 100 Tales From History to Astonish, Bewilder & Stupefy	Beyer, Rick	Non-Fiction	Features surprising stories and little-known historical facts from history, such as the Pilgrims decision to land in Plymouth because they ran out of beer.
Half-Moon Investigations	Colfer, Eoin	Mystery	From the author of the <i>Artemis Fowl</i> series comes a mystery involving a boy named Fletcher Moon who has 12 hours to find the guilty party or he is the guilty party.
Hanging on to Max	Bechard, Margaret	Realistic Fiction	When his girlfriend wants to give their baby away, seventeen-year-old Sam decides to keep him and raise him on his own.
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.	Rowling, J.K.	Fantasy Fiction.	Follows the journey of the series' protagonist Harry Potter as he attempts to bring an end to his archenemy, Lord Voldemort.
Hawksong	Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	Fantasy Fiction	In a land that has been at war so long that no one remembers the reason for fighting, the shapeshifters who rule the two factions agree to marry in the hope of bringing peace, despite deep-seated fear and distrust of each other.
Heaven	Johnson, Angela	Realistic Fiction	Fourteen-year-old Marley's seemingly perfect life in the small town of Heaven is disrupted when she discovers that her father and mother are not her real parents.
Hidden Evidence: Forty True Crimes & How Forensic Science Helped Solve Them	Owen, David	Non-Fiction	The evolution of forensic science and crime investigation from Jack the Ripper to today's serial killers.
Holdup	Fields, Terri	Suspense	A Deborah Brodie book." Diverse teens each react differently to a busy shift at a Phoenix, Arizona, Burger Haven on a hectic Saturday night that culminates in a show-down with two armed robbers.
Hole in My Life	Gantos, Jack	Autobiography	The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer.
Home of the Braves	Klass, David	Sports Fiction	Eighteen-year-old Joe, captain of the soccer team, is dismayed when a hotshot player shows up from Brazil and threatens to take over both the team and the girl whom Joe hopes to date.
Homeboyz	Sitomer, Alan	Realistic	Seventeen-year-old Teddy Anderson, who is known on the streets as T-Bear, decides to seek revenge on

	Lawrence	Fiction	the person responsible for his little sister's death, which was caused by a stray bullet from a semiautomatic handgun.
Host	Meyer, Stephanie	Science Fiction	Melanie, whose mind has been almost completely taken over by an alien named Wanderer, convinces the alien to search for her lost lover, who fled the extraterrestrial invasion, and tries to find a way in which she and Wanderer can coexist.
I'd Tell You I Love You but Then I'd Have To Kill You	Carter, Ally	Mystery	As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.
If You Come Softly	Woodson, Jacqueline	Romance	After meeting at their private school in New York, 15 year old Jeremiah, who is black and whose parents are separated, and Ellie, who is white and whose mother has twice abandoned her, fall in love and then try to cope with people's reactions.
Imani All Mine	Porter, Connie Rose	Realistic Fiction	Fifteen-year-old Tasha is trying to grow up in a bleak housing project, get good grades and take care of her daughter without help from her mother.
In the Forests of the Night	Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	Supernatural	Risika, a teenage vampire, wanders back in time to the year 1684 when she died and was transformed against her will.
Incantation	Hoffman, Alice	Historical	Secrets are dangerous during the Spanish Inquisition, especially for Estrella and her family, who have hidden their Jewish heritage.
It's Not About the Bike	Armstrong, Lance	Autobiography	Lance Armstrong was ranked as the top bicyclist in the world, until cancer struck and changed his life forever.
Jake Reinvented	Korman, Gordon	Realistic Fiction	Rick becomes friends with the popular new boy, Jake Garrett, football player and host of superlative parties, and in the process discovers the true nature of his schoolmates and uncovers the mystery of Jake's past.
Just Ella	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Fantasy	In this continuation of the Cinderella story, 15-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so he plots to escape.
Just One Look	Coben, Harlan	Suspense Fiction	Suburban wife and mother Grace Lawson's idyllic life begins to unravel when she picks up a set of newly developed family photographs that contains a much older picture of a group of men that includes her husband Jack, and sets off a chain reaction of kidnapping and murder leading back to a deadly rock concert.
Keeping the Moon	Dessen, Sarah	Realistic Fiction	Colie, a former "fat girl," spends the summer with her overweight Aunt Mira and works as a waitress while trying to figure out who she really is.
Killing Mr. Griffin	Duncan, Lois	Teen	A group of students kidnaps their teacher to "teach him a lesson," but their plans go awry when he dies.
King Dork	Portman, Frank	Teen	High school loser Tom Henderson discovers that "The Catcher in the Rye" may hold the clues to the many mysteries in his life.
Kite Runner	Hosseini, Khaled		The unforgettable story of two boys growing up in Kabul, and their friendship, betrayal and the price of loyalty.
Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice...	Nelson, Peter	Non-Fiction	A school project eventually led to the truth about the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, the Navy's cover-up, and the Captain's court martial.
Life of Pi	Martel, Yann	Adventure	Pi Patel, a zookeeper's son, sets sail for America. When the ship sinks, he escapes on a lifeboat and is lost at sea with a dwindling number of animals until only he and a hungry Bengal tiger remain.
Love Curse of the Rumbaugh's	Gantos, Jack	Horror	Loving your mother is a blessing; loving her so much that you perform taxidermy on her is a curse.
Lovely Bones	Sebold, Alice	Supernatural	A teenager who is brutally murdered looks down with great interest on what happens as life goes on for her family, her friends and her murderer.
Magic or Madness	Larbalestier, Justine	Fantasy	From the Sydney, Australia, home of a grandmother she believes is a witch, fifteen-year-old Reason Cansino is magically transported to New York City, where she discovers that friends and foes can be hard to distinguish.
Maximum Ride: The Angel	Patterson, James	Adventure	After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "bird kids," who are the result of

Experiment			genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.
Midnighters Series	Westerfeld, Scott	Science Fiction	Upon moving to Bixby, Oklahoma, fifteen-year-old Jessica Day learns that she is one in a special group born at the stroke of midnight who can roam the town at a secret hour while others sleep--and that she must fight the evil creatures who share her power.
Monster	Myers, Walter Dean	Teen	While on trial as an accomplice to murder, 16-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.
No More Dead Dogs	Korman, Gordon	Humor	Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.
No Right Turn	Trueman, Terry	Realistic Fiction	After three years of wanting only to be invisible, sixteen-year-old Jordan begins to recover from his father's suicide and start living again when a neighbor's vintage Corvette Stingray opens up new possibilities for him.
Notebook	Sparks, Nicholas	Romance	Noah Calhoun, recently returned from World War II in 1946, buys an old plantation home in rural North Carolina, where he contents himself with memories of his first love, a girl he met fourteen years earlier, but then she unexpectedly arrives at his door.
Off Road	Murphy, Sean	Graphic Novel	In this hilarious graphic novel that captures the essence of tough-guy camaraderie, three friends get stuck while off-roading.
One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies	Sones, Sony	Novel in Poems	Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.
Pact: A Love Story	Picoult, Jodi	Realistic Fiction	The Hartes and the Golds, long-time neighbors and friends, are not surprised when their children Chris and Emily fall in love, but the bond between the families is placed under an enormous strain when Emily is killed, leaving behind the question of whether her death was a suicide, or murder.
Peeps	Westerfeld, Scott	Horror	Cal Thompson is a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, and must hunt down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected.
Phineas Gage: a Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science	Fleischman, John	Biography	In 1848, Phineas Gage, a 26-year-old explosives expert, had an accident that should have killed him. A 13-pound iron rod was shot through his brain. Miraculously, he survived.
Poisonwood Bible	Kingsolver, Barbara	Historical	Nathan Price and his family move to the Belgian Congo in 1959, and the experiences they have while living in Africa affect each member of the family in a different way.
Prep	Coburn, Jake	Realistic Fiction	Nick tries to come to terms with the death of a friend, to protect the brother of his would-be girlfriend, to escape the violence of wealthy NYC prep-school hoods, and to figure out who he really is.
Princess Bride	Goldman, William	Adventure Fiction	Westley, a farm boy, goes off to seek his fortune shortly after declaring his love for Buttercup, the most beautiful woman in the world, but their relationship is put to the test when his ship is captured by pirates and she is summoned to become the bride of the prince.
Princess Diaries	Cabot, Meg	Romance	Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.
Prom	Anderson, Laurie Halse	Teen	Ash wants nothing to do with senior prom, but when disaster strikes and her desperate friend, Nat, needs her help to get it back on track, Ash's involvement transforms her life.
Rebecca	Du Maurier, Daphne	Mystery	Rebecca has been dead for months, but her sinister influence is still very much alive.
Rebound	Krech, Bob	Sports	Most Polish guys go out for wrestling, but basketball is in Ray's blood. He knows his game, but can he make the squad?
Revenge of the Whale: The	Philbrick,	Non-Fiction	Recounts the 1820 sinking of the whaleship "Essex" by an enraged sperm whale and how the crew of

True Story of the Whaleship Essex	Nathaniel		young men survived against impossible odds.
Rules of the Road	Bauer, Joan	Realistic Fiction	Jenna learns valuable life lessons while driving the owner of Gladstone's Shoes from Chicago to Texas.
Samurai Shortstop	Gratz, Alan	Historical/Sports	In the year 1890, a Tokyo teen uses traditional bushido training to improve his baseball game and comes to understand the place of samurai values in Japanese culture.
Secret Life of Bees	Kidd, Sue Monk	Realistic Fiction	A young girl runs away from an unhappy home and finds shelter with a family of black beekeepers. The rhythm of working with the bees restores her balance.
Shattering Glass	Giles, Gail	Teen	When the charismatic leader of the senior class turns the school nerd into Prince Charming, his actions lead to unexpected violence.
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants	Brashares, Ann	Teen Fiction	Four friends share a pair of magical jeans during their first summer apart.
Sleeper Code	Sniegowski, Tom	Suspense Fiction	Just when he has met a beautiful girl and his outlook is improving, sixteen-year-old narcoleptic Tom Lovett begins to suspect that his dreams and hallucinations of killing people may be something more real and terrifying.
Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie	Lubar, David	Realistic Fiction	While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.
Small Steps	Sachar, Louis	Teen	Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying to keep his life on track, but when his old pal shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit goes along.
Sold	McCormick, Patricia	Realistic Fiction	Lakshmi is sold into prostitution in order to help her poor family. Written in evocative vignettes, this powerful novel describes a girl in an unimaginable world, a girl who not only survives but also triumphs.
Son of the Mob	Korman, Gordon	Humor	Vince's life is complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a definite disadvantage since his girlfriend's father is an FBI agent.
Son of the Mob: Hollywood Hustle	Korman, Gordon	Humor	Eighteen-year-old Vince Luca, son of mob boss Anthony Luca, goes away to college in southern California hoping to escape his past, but soon his brother and a series of "uncles" appear at his dorm, and before long he is caught up in criminal activity once again.
Speak	Anderson, Laurie Halse	Realistic Fiction	A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.
Splinter Cell: Checkmate	Michaels, David	Mystery Fiction	Based on Ubisoft's bestselling game, Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell"--Cover p. 4. Sam Fisher, an operative for Third Echelon special operations, is called off a training exercise to intercept a freighter with radioactive cargo and disable the ship, then races against time to find the mastermind behind a series of strikes against the U.S.
Spiders in the Hairdo: Modern Urban Legends	Holt, David	Non-Fiction	The funniest, scariest, and downright weirdest urban legends...you decide if they are truly believable.
Stormbreaker	Horowitz, Anthony	Adventure	After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, 14 year old Alex Rider is forced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, M16. (1 st in series)
Street Love	Myers, Walter Dean	Romance	This story told in free verse is set against a background of street gangs and poverty in Harlem in which seventeen-year-old African American Damien takes a bold step to ensure that he and his new love will not be separated.
Stuck in Neutral	Trueman, Terry	Teen	Shawn McDaniel, a physically handicapped 14-year-old boy, thinks his father may be planning to kill him. Sequel is Cruise Control.
Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon	Thimmes, Catherine	Non-Fiction	Suspenseful and packed with little-known facts, this exploration of the <i>Apollo 11</i> mission celebrates the passion and dedication of the people behind the scenes.

That Summer	Dessen, Sarah	Realistic Fiction	During the summer of her divorced father's remarriage and her sister's wedding, fifteen-year-old Haven comes into her own by letting go of the myths of the past.
They Broke the Law, You Be the Judge: True Cases of Teen Crime	Jacobs, Thomas A.	Non-Fiction	Twenty-one children and teenagers who broke the law reveal what it was like to be arrested and held accountable for their actions.
Thirteen Reasons Why	Asher, Jay	Realistic	High school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide, and spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.
Thirteenth Tale	Setterfield, Diane		Margaret, a shy, unknown biographer, must sift truth from fiction when she learns the secrets of a reclusive best-selling author's past.
True Believer	Wolff, Virginia Euwer	Novel in Poems	Living in the inner city amid guns and poverty, 15-year-old LaVaughn learns that life is what you make it—an occasion to rise to.
True Notebooks: A Writer's Year at Juvenile Hall	Salzman, Mark	Non-Fiction	Chronicles the author's first year teaching at an L.A. lock-up for some of the cities most violent teenage offenders.
Twilight Series	Meyer, Stephanie	Horror Fiction Series	When seventeen year old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.
Twisted	Anderson, Laurie Halse	Realistic Fiction	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.
Uglies	Westerfield, Scott	Science Fiction	Tally Youngblood lives in a futuristic society in which its citizens believe that they are ugly until age 16 when they'll undergo an operation that will change them into pleasure-seeking "pretties."
Vampire Academy	Mead, Richelle	Horror	Two years after a horrible incident made them run away, vampire princess Lissa and her guardian-in-training Rose are found and returned to St. Vladimir's Academy, where one focuses on mastering magic, the other on physical training, while both try to avoid the perils of gossip, cliques, gruesome pranks, and sinister plots.
Wait for Me	Na, An	Realistic Fiction	Korean American Mina started stretching the truth to fulfill her mother's high expectations. But now the lies, about everything from grades to boys to sex, are catching up with her.
Walk to Remember	Sparks, Nicholas	Romance	Noah Calhoun, recently returned from World War II in 1946, buys an old plantation home in rural North Carolina, where he contents himself with memories of his first love, a girl he met fourteen years earlier, but then she unexpectedly arrives at his door.
Watchers	Koontz, Dean	Mystery	Learning that a secret government lab is creating genetically altered life forms that have escaped.
Watsons Go to Birmingham	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Historical	The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.
Water for Elephants	Gruen, Sara	Historical	Suddenly orphaned during the Depression, a veterinary student jumps on a third-rate circus train and finds romance, danger, and a bond with a special elephant.
Whale Talk	Crutcher, Chris	Realistic Fiction	Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ is a multiracial adopted teenager who shuns organized sports but agrees to form a swimming team and recruits misfits.
What Happened to Cass McBride?	Giles, Gail	Realistic Fiction	After his younger brother commits suicide, Kyle Kirby decides to exact revenge on the person he holds responsible
Who Killed Mr. Chippendale?	Glenn, Mel	Mystery Fiction	A murder mystery told in free verse poems, describing the reactions of students, colleagues, and others when high school teacher Mr. Chippendale, loved by some, hated by others, is shot as the school day begins.

Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West	Maguire, Gregory	Fantasy Fiction	Elphaba, born with emerald green skin, comes of age in the land of Oz, rooming with debutante Glinda at the university, and following a path in life that earns her the label of Wicked.
Wildwood Dancing	Marillier, Juliet	Fantasy Fiction	Five sisters who live with their merchant father in Transylvania use a hidden portal in their home to cross over into a magical world, the Wildwood.