

Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac – Zevin: After a nasty fall, Naomi realizes that she has no memory of the last four years and finds herself reassessing every aspect of her life.

Poetry and Nonfiction

The History of Science and Technology: A Browser's Guide to the Great Discoveries, Inventions, and the People Who Made Them, From the Dawn of Time to Today – Bunch: Chronicles the development, advances, and discoveries in science and technology, from the stone ages through 2002, organized into ten periods, and includes a history of each period, the character and philosophy of each period, and the impact of each discovery on science or society.

The H.L. Hunley: The Secret Hope of the Confederacy – Chaffin: Chronicles the story of the "H.L. Hunley," the Confederate vessel that became the first submarine to sink an enemy ship, the loss of the sub and its eight-man crew, and its discovery and recovery in 2000.

The Fortune Cookie Chronicles – Lee: A *New York Times* reporter conveys the mysteries and essence of Chinese cuisine through an examination of history, culture, geography, and, of course, the food itself.

What Are You? Voices of Mixed-Race Young People – Gaskins, ed.: In essay, interview, and poetry, 45 mixed-race young people between the ages of 14 and 26, from all over the United States, speak about their growing up.

Rocket Boys: A Memoir – Hickam: The author, a NASA engineer, recounts the year he and his school friends created working rockets

after watching *Sputnik* pass overhead, becoming celebrities in their small coal-mining town.

An Uncommon Passage: Traveling Through History on the Great Allegheny Passage Trail – Muller: If you traveled this trail, or if you intend to, this book provides perspective on the interesting history along the way.

Yoga for Teens: How to Improve Your Fitness, Confidence, Appearance, and Health-And Have Fun Doing It! – Luby: Detailed color photographs enlighten the reader, making this ancient spiritual and physical practice accessible.

The Drum Book – Nicholls: A lavishly illustrated history of the drum set in rock music with a guide to the major manufacturers of drum sets.

The Dreamer's Dictionary: From A to Z -- 3,000 Magical Mirrors to Reveal the Meaning of Your Dreams – Robinson

War is---: Soldiers, Survivors, and Storytellers Talk About War: A collection of essays, memoirs, letters, and fiction that present opposing viewpoints on the nature of war by such contributors as Mark Twain, Bob Dylan, and Ernie Pyle. I'll bet you did not know that Mark Twain wrote one of the most convincing antiwar pieces of all time?

Recommended Websites

Ipl2

<http://www.ipl.org/>

A reliable subject directory of useful sites reviewed and evaluated by librarians. Recently became a site combining the Internet Public Library (IPL) and the Librarians' Internet Index (LII).

AlltheWeb from Yahoo

<http://www.alltheweb.com/?cat=news>

A strong news site that includes international events; Keep abreast over the summer.

Teensread

<http://www.teenreads.com/index.asp>

Teenreads.com bring teens info and features about their favorite authors, books, series and characters. It is a part of The Book Report Network, a group of websites founded in 1996 that share thoughtful book reviews, compelling features, in-depth author profiles and interviews, excerpts of new releases, literary games and contests, and more with readers every week.



Winchester Thurston School

SUMMER READING Requirements and Recommendations



**For students entering
GRADE 10**

2010-2011

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Required Reading for Tenth-Graders

The books listed must be read before school starts on August 26, 2010.

If the Social Studies, English, or Modern and Classical Languages class *title* for which you registered does not appear within your grade section, please consult the remaining grade sections. (French and Spanish levels 4 and 5, and AP Latin require readings, for example.)

Social Studies (European History)

- *Slaughterhouse-Five* – Vonnegut

AP Social Studies

(AP European History)

- DVD: view *The Mission* starring De Niro and Irons; directed by Joffé
- DVD: view *The Name of the Rose* starring Connery; directed by Annaud

English 10

(British Literature)

- *Wuthering Heights* – Bronte
- *Lord of the Flies* – Golding

Other Suggested Reading for Tenth-Graders

Imaginations—Fiction

The Savage – Almond: After his father dies and the town bully Hooper begins to target him, Blue starts to write and illustrate a graphic novel full of blood, guts, and adventures; but after one of Blue's characters pays Hooper a nighttime visit, Blue wonders if the lines of reality have blurred. A fascinating story-within-a-story.

Going Bovine – Bray: Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen year-old who, after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt Jakob's (aka mad cow) disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure. A positively disjointed book about a journey whose outcome is unpredictable. Winner of the Michael L. Printz Award for best novel for young adults.

A Curse Dark as Gold – Bunce: Upon the death of her father, seventeen-year-old Charlotte struggles to keep the family's woolen mill running in the face of an overwhelming mortgage and what the local villagers believe is a curse, but when a man capable of spinning straw into gold appears on the scene she must decide if his help is worth the price. This mix of fairy tale and historical fiction is subtly complex, as evidenced by its excellent character development and unpredictable plotting.

The Queen of Cool – Castellucci: Bored with her life, popular high school junior Libby signs up for an internship at the zoo and discovers that the "science nerds" she meets there may have a few things to teach her about friendship and life.

Summerland – Chabon: The Ferishers, little creatures who ensure perfect weather for Summerland, are aided by one of history's worst baseball players in their struggle to

save Summerland from giants, goblins, and other legendary, terrible creatures.

Many Stones – Coman: After Berry's older sister is murdered in South Africa, Berry's father insists that she accompany him back to the school where her sister volunteered.

Crackback – Coy: Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs.

Zap – Fleischman: Contain a juxtaposition of several different plays that parody the works of Tennessee Williams, Anton Chekhov, Samuel Beckett, Neil Simon, and others.

Coraline – Gaiman: Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

An Abundance of Katherines – Green: Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.

The House on the Gulf – Haddix: A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a house-sitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there.

Thursday's Child – Hartnett: A young woman, looking back on her childhood, recounts her farm family's poverty, her father's cowardice, and her younger brother's obsession for digging tunnels and living underground.

Rash – Hautman: In a future society that has decided it would "rather be safe than

free," sixteen-year-old Bo' lands him in a tundra jail where he survives playing illegal football and with the help of an artificial intelligence program named Bork.

The Minister's Daughter – Hearn: In 1645 in England, the daughters of the town minister successfully accuse a local healer and her granddaughter of witchcraft to conceal an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but years later during the 1692 Salem trials their lie has unexpected repercussions.

Fly on the Wall: How One Girl Saw Everything – Lockhart: When Gretchen Yee, a student at the Manhattan School for Art and Music, wishes she were a fly on the wall of the boys' locker room, she never expects her wish to come true.

The Adoration of Jenna Fox – Pearson: In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence. Questions of ethics and thriller tension abound

Mortal Engines – Reeve: Long after the Sixty Minute War destroyed civilization, technology has been lost and tiered cities move about the Earth on caterpillar tracks, often absorbing smaller locales.

Everlost – Shusterman: When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where, although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing--even skinjacking--to break free.

The Warrior Heir – Williams: After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards.

Poison – Wooding: When Poison leaves her home in the marshes of Gull to retrieve the infant sister who was snatched by the fairies, she and a group of unusual friends survive encounters with the inhabitants of various realms, and Poison herself confronts a surprising destiny.