



**LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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*Success for Every Student*

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Dear Levittown Families of Incoming 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders,

It has been an unprecedented time navigating remote learning since March. Summer is right around the corner! With that being said, we are embarking on our Summer Reading for Summer 2020 to maintain routine and consistency for our students.

Students will engage in an independent reading experience where they will choose their own book to read from the suggested reading list for each grade level. Please find the suggested reading list per grade level on the district website as well as on your high school's home page.

Students must read their chosen book thoughtfully and be prepared to come into class on September 2, 2020 ready to discuss, share, and write about what they read in their chosen book. Simply skimming the book will not be acceptable. Students are encouraged to use post-its as they read as this helps with their critical analysis and comprehension of what they read.

The double entry journal, found on the district home page and on your high school's home page, is expected to be completed and handed into the student's English teacher upon the commencement of the 2020-21 school year.

The first unit in your English class will include a written assignment based upon your chosen summer reading book. As such, the reading must take place prior to the start of classes. First quarter grades will include class activities and written assessments that are associated with your chosen summer reading book.

Thank you for your support and encouragement with this initiative. This will help us succeed in getting our students prepared for their new grade level in the fall and encourage the love of reading. I wish you the happiest of summers. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,  
*Kerin L. Slattery*  
Kerin L. Slattery  
Director of English

## Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Suggested Reading List

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### FICTION

***Salt to the Sea*** by Ruta Sepetys

Genre: Historical Fiction

***Six of Crows*** by Leigh Bardugo

Genre: Fantasy

***The Knife of Never Letting Go*** by Patrick Ness

Genre: Dystopian/Science Fiction

***Game Seven*** by Paul Volponi

Genre: Realistic

***The Wicked Deep*** by Shea Ernshaw

Genre: Horror/Supernatural

***Conversion*** by Katherine Howe

Genre: Mystery

***Truly Devious*** by Maureen Johnson

Genre: Mystery

***Emma*** by Jane Austen

Genre: Classic

***A Long Walk to Water*** by Linda Sue Park

Genre: Historical Fiction

***17 and Gone*** by Nova Ren Suma

Genre: Supernatural

***American Born Chinese*** by Gene Luen Yang

Genre: Graphic Novel

***Boy 21*** by Matthew Quick

Genre: Realistic Fiction

***Caramelo*** by Sandra Cisneros

Genre: Historical Fiction

***Code Name Verity*** by Elizabeth Wein

Genre: Historical Fiction

***The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*** by E. Lockhart

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

***Eagle Blue: A Team, a Tribe, and a High School Basketball Season in Arctic Alaska*** by Michael D'Orso

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

***Ella Minnow Pea: A Novel in Letters*** by Mark Dunn

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

***Fangirl*** by Rainbow Rowell

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

***Feed*** by M.T. Anderson

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

***Girl in Translation*** by Jean Kwok

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

***Going Bovine*** by Libba Bray

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

***Wilder Girls*** by Rory Power

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

## **NON-FICTION**

***The Blind Side*** by Michael Lewis

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice*** by Phillip M. Hoose

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Prince of Los Cocuyos: A Miami Childhood*** by Richard Balanco

Genre: Non-Fiction

***I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*** by Maya Angelou

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Black Boy*** by Richard Wright

Genre: Non-Fiction

***How Does It Feel to Be a Problem?: Being Young and Arab in America*** by [Moustafa Bayoumi](#)

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Road to Character*** by David Brooks

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)***

By Sue Macy

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden and the Trial of the Century***

by Sarah Miller

Genre: Non-Fiction

# Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Suggested Reading List

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## FICTION

***The Art of Racing in the Rain*** by Garth Stein

Genre: Contemporary Fiction

***We Were Liars*** by E. Lockhart

Genre: Mystery/Thriller

***Little White Lies*** by Jennifer Lynn Barres

Genre: Realistic Fiction

***Dry*** by Neal Shusterman

Genre: Contemporary YA Fiction

***I am the Messenger*** by Markus Zusak

Genre: Realistic Fiction

***Every Day*** by David Levithan

Genre: Contemporary YA Fiction

***Long Way Down*** by Jason Reynolds

Genre: Contemporary YA Fiction

***The Cider House Rules*** by John Irving

Genre: Fiction

***All the Unseen*** by G. Willow Wilson

Genre: Fiction

***Imaginary Girls*** by Nova Ren Suma

Genre: Young Adult Mystery

***The Known World*** by Edward P. Jones

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

***The Andromeda Strain*** by Michael Crichton

Genre: Fiction

***Severance*** by Ling Ma

Genre: Fiction

***The Lucy Variations*** by Sara Zarr

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

***One Hundred Years of Solitude*** by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Genre: Fiction

***Invisible Man*** by Ralph Ellison

Genre: Fiction

***A Farewell to Arms*** by James Joyce

Genre: Fiction

***House of Mirth*** by Edith Wharton

Genre: Fiction

***Call It Sleep*** by Henry Roth

Genre: Fiction

***Turn of the Screw*** by Henry James

Genre: Fiction

***To the Lighthouse*** by Virginia Woolf

Genre: Fiction

## **NON-FICTION**

***Gang Leader for a Day*** by Sudhir Venkatesh

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Foiled by Randomness: The Hidden Role of Chance in Life and in the Markets*** by Nassim Nicholas Taleb

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*** by Bryan Stevenson

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The New Jim Crow*** by Michelle Alexander

Genre: Non-Fiction

***We Should All be Feminists*** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Another Day in the Frontal Lobe: A Brian Surgeon Exposes Life on the Inside*** by Katrina Firik

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Dammed Lies and Statistics: Untangling Numbers from the Media, Politicians, and Activists*** by Joel Best

Genre: Non-Fiction

***First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers*** by Loung Ung

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death at a Storm-Ravaged Hospital*** by Sheri Fink

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Fortune Cookie Chronicles: Adventures in the World of Chinese Food*** by Jennifer 8. Lee

Genre: Non-Fiction

***King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa*** by Adam Hochschild

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East*** by Scott Anderson

Genre: Non-Fiction

***League of Denial: The NFL, Concussions, and the Battle for the Truth*** by Mark Fainaru-Wada, Steve Fainaru

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA*** by Tim Weiner

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX: The Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America*** by Karen Blumenthal

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Between the World and Me*** by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*** by Trevor Noah

Genre: Non-Fiction

***An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments*** by Ali Almosawi and Alejandro Giraldo

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Boys In The Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*** by Daniel James Brown

Genre: Non-Fiction

***What is Populism?*** By Jan-Werner Mueller

Genre: Non-Fiction



## Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Suggested Reading List

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### FICTION

***Dear Edward*** by Ann Napolitano

Genre: Realistic Fiction

***Little Fires Everywhere*** by Celeste Ng

Genre: Realistic Fiction

***Before We Were Yours*** by Lisa Wingate

Genre: Historical Fiction

***Just Listen*** by Sara Dessen

Genre: Realistic Fiction

***One of Us is Lying*** by Karen McManus

Genre: Mystery/Thriller

***A Prayer for Owen Meany*** by John Irving

Genre: Fiction

***Prep: A Novel*** by Curtis Sittenfeld

Genre: Fiction

***The Plague*** by Albert Camus

Genre: Fiction

***The Stranger*** by Albert Camus

Genre: Fiction

***All Our Pretty Songs*** by Sarah McCarry

Genre: Fiction

***The Sportswriter*** by Richard Ford

Genre: Fiction

***Independence Day*** by Richard Ford

Genre: Fiction

***Hotel New Hampshire*** by John Irving

Genre: Fiction

***Bastard Out of Carolina*** by Dorothy Allison

Genre: Fiction

***Walden*** by Henry David Thoreau

Genre: Fiction

***A Lesson Before Dying*** by Ernest J. Gaines

Genre: Young Adult Historical Fiction

***The Jungle*** by Upton Sinclair

Genre: Historical Fiction

## **NON-FICTION**

***At Home: A Short History of Private Life*** by Bill Bryson

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Bad Science: Hacks, Quacks, and Big Pharma Flacks*** by Alex Hutchinson

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction*** by David Sheff

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*** by Katherine Boo

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Bossypants*** by Tina Fey

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America*** by Erik Larson

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Table of Periodic Elements*** by Sam Kean

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Genomics Age: How DNA Technology is Transforming the Way We Live and Who We Are*** by Gina Smith

Genre: Non-Fiction

***How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming*** by Mike Brown Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*** by Rebecca Skloot

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Glass Castle*** by Jeanette Walls

Genre: Memoir/Biography

***Men Explain Things to Me***, by Rebecca Solnit

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Capital and Ideology*** by Thomas Piketty

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Educated: A Memoir*** by Tara Westover

Genre: Non-Fiction

***The Year of Magical Thinking*** by Joan Didion

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Just Kids*** by Patti Smith

Genre: Non-Fiction

***Friday Night Lights*** by H. G. Bissinger

Genre: Nonfiction

## PANDEMICS

Pandemics: An Essential Reading List (Vulture.com)

<https://www.vulture.com/article/best-pandemic-books.html>

13 Essential Pandemic Novels (Publishers Weekly)

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/tip-sheet/article/82845-pw-staff-recommendations-pandemic-fiction.html>

Books of Epidemics (Penguin Random House)

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/the-read-down/books-about-epidemics>

Popular Pandemic Books (Goodreads)

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/pandemic>

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## DOUBLE-ENTRY CHART FOR CLOSE READING

**Directions:** Use the chart below as you read to record and consider the aspects that you find most important or interesting. First, on the left side, note a specific line or detail from the text; next, on the right side, tell what you noticed about it, why you chose it, or what questions it raises for you.

Notable Quote or Detail From the Text	Your Observation, Comment or Question

