Required Reading for All Incoming and Returning Students

All students – *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds
9th Grade – *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green
10th Grade – *Night* by Elie Wiesel
11th Grade – *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
12th Grade and Postgraduates – *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

Additional requirements for Honors and AP Students

**HONORS ENGLISH 10** – *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri
**AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION** – *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides
**HONORS WORLD LITERATURE** – *Half A Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Students must bring summer reading books to school in the fall for use in English classes.

Additional Suggestions from Our Faculty

The following is a list of well-written media that our faculty recommends. Some are related to curriculum and others are for sheer enjoyment. Students are encouraged to find a few selections online or at your local library.

**Fiction**

- 1984
- *Alias Grace*
- *Americanah*
- *American Street*
- *The Color Purple*
- *Drown*
- *East of Eden*
- *Flatland*
- *The Goldfinch*
- *The House on Mango Street*
- *I'm Not Dying with You Tonight It's Not Like It's a Secret*
- *The Invention of Wings*
- *Lovely, Dark, Deep: Stories*
- *Native Son*
- *Never Let me Go*
- *Notes on a Silencing*
- *Of Mice and Men*
- *Oryx and Crake*
- *Parable of the Sower*
- *Poe X*
- *The Poppy Wars*
- *Pride: A Pride & Prejudice Remix*
- *Red at the Bone*
- *The Round House*
- *Ready Player One*
- *Riot Baby*
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
- *There, There*
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- *Where the Crawdads Sing*

**Podcasts and YouTube**

- *"How I Built This"*
- *"Between the World and Me"*
- *"Deca Tapes"*
- *"Invisibilia"*
- *"Nice White Parents"*
- *"Seeing White"*
- Simone Giertz on YouTube

**Poetry**

- *American Sonnets for My Past and Future*
- *Assassin* by Terrance Hayes
- *American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo
- *Citizen* by Claudia Rankine
- *Counting Descent* by Clint Smith
- *A Fortune for Your Disaster* by Hanif Abdurraqib
- *If They Come for Us* by Fatimah Asghar

**Non-fiction**

- *Between the World and Me*
- *The Body is Not an Apology*
- *Becoming* by Michelle Obama
- *Hidden Figures*
- *How to Be an Antiracist*
- *Mountains Beyond Mountains So You Want To Talk About Race We Were Eight Years in Power*