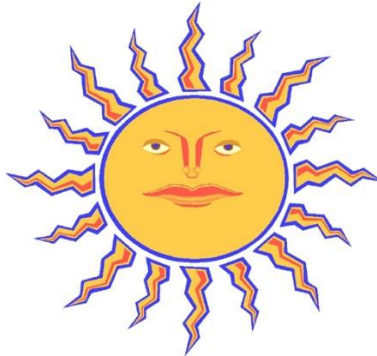


## 2021 Summer Reading Program Grades 6-12



The purpose of summer reading is to encourage students to practice reading skills and develop an enjoyment for reading. This year, our focus is *student choice*. Therefore, a list of **suggested** novels has been created for all grade levels.

Students in grades 6-12 are required to complete a Book Talk assignment no later than **Friday, August 27, 2021**. Please note that Honors and AP Language students have assigned reading requirements. Book lists and instructions for the Book Talk assignment may be found below.

### **Expectations**

- Students will read one of the suggested novels from the list for their grade span or a book of their choice. The book should reflect quality young adult literature to include the following:
  - descriptive or figurative language
  - character development
  - plot development
  - thematic depth
  - substantial length (100+ pages)
- Students enrolled in English 10/11 and English AP Language courses will have assigned reading (see below). These readings are important to laying the foundation for the year.
- Students will be required to complete a "Book Talk" by **Friday, August 27, 2021**. If a "Book Talk" is not presented or turned in, then a "0" will be placed in the gradebook. For more information, see the Book Talk information section below.



## Middle School Suggested Summer Reading

[6<sup>th</sup> grade](#)

[7<sup>th</sup> grade](#)

[8<sup>th</sup> grade](#)

## High School Suggested Summer Reading

[9-10 grade](#)

[11-12 grade](#)

## Honors and AP Courses Required Reading

[10<sup>TH</sup> grade](#)

[11<sup>th</sup> grade](#)

[Honors/AP Language](#)

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### **What is a “Book Talk”?**

A “Book Talk” convinces or persuades a person to read the book. The essence of a “Book Talk” is to “sell, don’t tell.” Thus, a “Book Talk” is more of an advertisement or a commercial. When conducting a “Book Talk,” you may want to keep the following things in mind:

- Do your own thing...create your own individual style.
- Do not talk about a book you have not read.
- Do not tell the ending.
- Do not talk about a book you do not like or makes you uncomfortable.
- PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!

### **How to Give a Book Talk**

#### **Opening**

Hook your audience!

- Read a quote from the book
- Ask a question of your audience
- Introduce the main character
- Vividly set the scene

You may use a combination of a few of the above techniques.

Make sure to also give the title and author of the book.

#### **Summary**

In a paragraph or two, summarize the plot of the book. Be sure that your summary introduces the main character, identifies the problem, and leads us toward the solution - without giving away the ending!



## **Impression**

Share your opinion!

- How did you feel about the book?
- What did you think of the author?
- Would you recommend it to others?
- What would you rate it?

## **Closing**

Entice your audience!

- Ask a rhetorical question
- Read a quote from the book
- Use a cliffhanger

You may use a combination of the above techniques.

Remember, your book talk should flow nicely like a commercial. It should not be a giant list answering these questions.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What about a student who is new to TGA?**

Students who enroll between August 4 and August 20, 2021 will be allowed to complete a "Book Talk" on a novel he/she has read over the summer. If the student has not read a novel over the summer, they may be given an additional 2 weeks (August 16th-September 7th) to read a novel and complete a "Book Talk." This assignment is a requirement to getting credit for the 1<sup>st</sup> nine-week grading period. Any student enrolled after August 20, 2021 will not be held accountable for completing a "Book Talk." This does not apply to Honor and AP English classes.

### **How will teachers hold students accountable for completing the summer reading assignment?**

Students will be **required** to do a "Book Talk" and turn it in on Friday, August 27, 2021. Teachers are expected to grade each "Book Talk" and record it as an "In-Class" assignment (counting as 40% of the student's grade) for the 1<sup>st</sup> nine-week grading period. Honor and AP English students have specific readings and assignments to complete and submit on the second day of school.