



## **Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Entering 9th - 10th Grade**

Works from Africa:

*Things Fall Apart*, Chinua Achebe

*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*, Ishmael Beah

*Out of Africa: and Shadows on the Grass*, Isak Dinesen

*What is the What: The Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng*, Dave Eggers

*The Poisonwood Bible*, Barbara Kingsolver

*Unbowed*, Wangari Maathai

*Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa*, Mark Mathabane

*Purple Hibiscus*, Chimamanda Ngozi

*Cry, the Beloved Country, Alan Paton Chanda's Secrets*, Allan Stratton

Works from Asia:

*The Good Earth*, Pearl S. Buck

*Iqbal*, Francesco D'Adamo

*Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*, Ji-li Jiang

*Snow Falling in Spring: Coming of Age In China During the Cultural Revolution*, Moying Li

*Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Chinese Cinderella*, Adeline Yen

*Mah Falling Leaves: The Memoir of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter*, Adeline Yen Mah

*Ties That Bind, Ties That Break*, Lensey Namioka

*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan: A Novel*, Lisa See

*Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*, Dai Sijie

*The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan

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

Works from Europe:

*The Inferno*, Dante Alighieri

*I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust*, Livia Bitton-Jackson

*Don Quixote*, Miguel de Cervantes

*The Cherry Orchard*, Anton Chekhov

*The Alchemist: A Fable About Following Your Dream*, Paulo Coelho

*The Brothers Karamazov*, Fyodor Dostoyevsky

*The Count of Monte Cristo*, Alexandre Dumas

*The Three Musketeers*, Alexandre Dumas

*Siddhartha*, Herman Hesse

*The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Victor Hugo

*Les Miserables*, Victor Hugo

*A Doll's House*, Henrik Ibsen

*All But My Life: A Memoir*, Gerda Weissman Klein

*The Phantom of the Opera*, Gaston Leroux

*Doctor Zhivago*, Boris Pasternak

*All Quiet on the Western Front*, Erich M. Remarque

*Between Shades of Gray*, Ruta Sepetys

*Anna Karenina*, Leo Tolstoy

*Candide*, Voltaire

*Night and Dawn (both works)*, Elie Wiesel

Works from India:

*Born Confused*, Tanuja Desai Hidier

*The Namesake: A Novel*, Jhumpa Lahiri

*Nectar in a Sieve*, Kamala Markandaya

*Sold*, Patricia McCormick

*The God of Small Things*, Arundhati Roy

*Midnight's Children*, Salman Rushdie

*A Time to Dance*, Padma Venkatraman

Works from Latin America:

*The House of the Spirits*, Isabel Allende

*Before We Were Free*, Julia Alvarez

*In the Time of the Butterflies*, Julia Alvarez

*Bless Me, Ultima*, Rudolfo Anaya

*Dreaming in Cuban*, Cristina Garcia

*Annie John*, Jamaica Kincaid

*Love in the Time of Cholera*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

*One Hundred Years of Solitude*, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

*Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey*, Sonia Nazario

*Living up the Street*, Gary Soto

*Works from the Middle East: Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America*, Fioozeh Dumas

*The Kite Runner*, Khalid Hosseini

*A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Khaled Hosseini

*Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace, One School at a Time*, Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

*Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood*, Mariane Satrapi

*Persepolis 2: The Story of a Return*, Mariane Satrapi

*The Bookseller of Kabul*, Ashe Seierstad

*Shooting Kabul*, N.H. Senzai

Works from the Ancient world:

*Mythology*, Edith Hamilton

*The Iliad*, Homer

*Antigone*, Sophocles

*Oedipus the King*, Sophocles (trans. by Bernard M. Knox)

*The Aeneid*, Virgil

*Works from Canada: Life of Pi*, Yann Martel

Additional works (9th grade only):

*Watership Down*, Richard Adams

*Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott

*Oliver Twist*, Charles Dickens

*Captains Courageous*, Rudyard Kipling