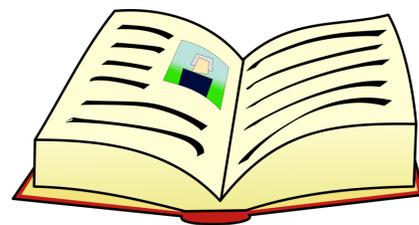


## West Geauga High School Summer Reading Assignment

### What?

The English department wants all incoming freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior students to read over the summer. Students in AP English classes have additional books they also need to read.



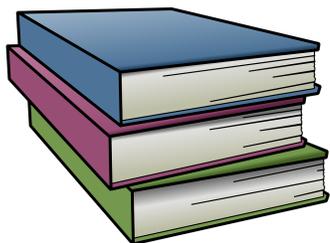
### Who?

ALL WGHS students read at least one book. ALL AP English students read additional books and complete written assignments prior to the first day of school. [Click here for the AP English Language reading assignments.](#) [Click here for the AP English Literature assignments.](#)

### Why?

Summer reading is about holding a book in your hands. Summer reading is about kicking off shoes, staying up much too late, reading all day with no one caring that that's what you're doing. It's about rushing through one to get to the next or lingering as long as you want. It's about vicarious experiences that let us become a girl in an attic, a boy in the wilderness, a kite runner in a far-away land. And that type of reading begins with personal choice.

### Looking for good reading?



Here are some websites that will help:

#### **Internet Public Library Teen Division**

The Internet Public Library's home page links to Teen Space, where you'll find a link for books and writing. It features all sorts of reading lists and other activities to help in your studies and leisure interests.

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

#### **New York Public Library's Teen Links**

A variety of book lists and resources are linked, along with their Facebook and Twitter feeds.

<http://www.nypl.org/help/getting-oriented/resources-teens>

### **Reading Rants: Out of the Ordinary Teen Booklists**

Librarian Jennifer Hubert Swan offers a “thinking teen’s” set of book suggestions and organizes them by topic.

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

### **Goodreads**

Goodreads is a free website for book lovers. Imagine it as a large library that you can wander through and see everyone's bookshelves, their reviews, and their ratings. You can also post your own reviews and catalog what you have read, are currently reading, and plan to read in the future.

<https://www.goodreads.com/>

### **Teenreads.com**

This website features new books along with author interviews, media tie-ins, and online book discussion guides.

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



### **Teens Top Ten**

Not limited to just the ten new young adult titles most popular by teen readers, this site includes the also-rans and tips on how to uncover a good read.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>

**Here are some teen favorites:**

#### **CHICK LIT & MACHO MALES**

##### ***The Joy Luck Club***

**Amy Tan**

*The Joy Luck Club* contains sixteen interwoven stories about conflicts between Chinese immigrant mothers and their American-raised daughters.

##### ***The Time Traveler's Wife***

**Audrey Niffenegger**

this is the celebrated tale of Henry DeTamble, a dashing, adventuresome librarian who inadvertently travels through time, and Clare Abshire, an artist whose life takes a natural sequential course.

##### ***Friday Night Lights***

**H.G. Bissinger**

H. G. Bissinger chronicles a season in the life of Odessa and shows how single-minded devotion to the football team shapes the community and inspires--and sometimes shatters--the teenagers who wear the Panthers' uniforms.

##### ***Blackhawk Down***

**Mark Bowden**

Bowden's minute-by-minute narrative is one of the most exciting accounts of modern combat ever written—a riveting story that captures the heroism, courage, and brutality of battle.

## THE DRAMA OF LIFE

### ***Outliers: the Story of Success* Malcolm Gladwell**

Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers"—the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. He asks the question: what makes high-achievers different?

### ***The Devil in the White City* Erik Larson**

Erik Larson intertwines the true tale of the 1893 World's Fair and the cunning serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death.

### ***Unbroken* Laura Hillenbrand**

In boyhood, Louis Zamperini was an incorrigible delinquent. As a teenager, he channeled his defiance into running, discovering a prodigious talent that had carried him to the Berlin Olympics. But when World War II began, the athlete became an airman, embarking on a journey that led to a doomed flight on a May afternoon in 1943.

## TEACHER FAVORITES

### ***Pet Cemetery* Stephen King (recommended by Mr. Marino)**

Don't miss the classic tale from King of Horror and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Stephen King, described by *Publishers Weekly* as "the most frightening novel Stephen King has ever written."

### ***Tuesdays with Morrie* Mitch Albom (recommended by Mr. Mikes)**

A Detroit Free Press journalist and best-selling author recounts his weekly visits with a dying teacher who years before had set him straight.

## SURVIVAL / ADVENTURE

### ***Into Thin Air* Jon Krakauer**

A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong.

### ***Inca Gold* Clive Cussler**

Nearly five centuries ago a fleet of boats landed mysteriously on an island in an inland sea. There, an ancient Andean people hid a golden hoard greater than that of any pharaoh, then they and their treasure vanished into history—until now.

***The Hard Way***

**Mark Jenkins**

If you've ever dreamed of escaping, lighting out for the unknown, read this book.

**MYSTERIES AND THRILLERS**

***Gone Girl***

**Gillian Flynn**

Calling *Gone Girl* a psychological thriller is an understatement. As revelation after revelation unfolds, it becomes clear that the truth does not exist in the middle of Nick and Amy's points of view; in fact, the truth is far more dark, more twisted, and more creepy than you can imagine.

***The DaVinci Code***

**Dan Brown**

A murder in the silent after-hour halls of the Louvre museum reveals a sinister plot to uncover a secret that has been protected by a clandestine society since the days of Christ.

***The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo***

**Steig Larsson**

Cases rarely come much colder than the decades-old disappearance of teen heiress Harriet Vanger from her family's remote island retreat north of Stockholm.

**GRAPHIC NOVELS**

***Maus***

**Art Spiegelman**

Told with chilling realism in an unusual comic-book format, this is more than a tale of surviving the Holocaust.

***Persepolis***

**Marjane Satrapi**

Satrapi's autobiography is a timely and timeless story of a young girl's life under the Islamic Revolution.

***The Sandman***

**Neil Gaiman**

This book is often hailed as the definitive Vertigo title and one of the finest achievements in graphic storytelling. Gaiman created an unforgettable tale of the forces that exist beyond life and death by weaving ancient mythology, folklore and fairy tales with his own distinct narrative vision.