2021 SUMMER READING LIST for students entering GRADE 10

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body" – Sir Richard Steele

Students entering grade 10 are required to read a minimum of **two books**.

Students may read any of the suggested books listed below, or they may choose suitably challenging books not on the list. At the beginning of the school year, students will be asked to reflect on the books they read over the summer in a meaningful way. Students should work on their note-taking skills to prepare for discussions and assessments.
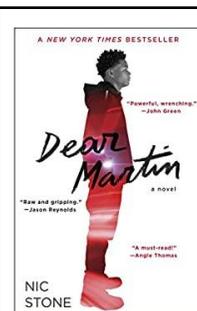
Author Nic Stone will be doing a virtual visit with FHS 10th graders in October 2021. We encourage students to consider reading *Dear Martin*, *Jackpot*, or *Hope Nation* so that they can actively engage in the conversation with Ms. Stone this fall. *Dear Martin* will also be the Framingham Public Library's book for "Framingham Reads Together" this summer.

Dear Martin by Nic Stone
"*Dear Martin* is about a black high school student named Justyce who has an experience with racism and profiling, so he does an experiment by trying to think and act like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as he tries to figure out how to go about life now that he sees that he can't ignore or brush over issues of race. I loved this book because it was just such an amazing representation of what People of Color have to go through in the United States and how people can act on implicit bias without thinking they have done a single thing wrong."
- Kimberly Martinez, Class of 2023
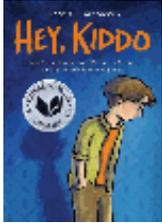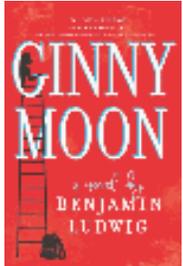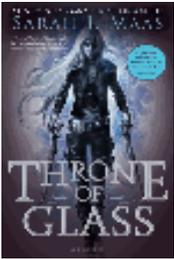
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Jackpot by Nic Stone
"While at work at her job at a gas station convenience store, Rico sells a lottery ticket to an elderly woman with memory problems. When the prize money goes unclaimed, Rico begins to investigate, roping in her wealthy classmate Zan, and possibly opening the door to romance in the process. Nic Stone never shies away from challenging conversations about race, money, and privilege, and *Jackpot* will keep you invested from the first page."
- Ms. Courchesne, FHS Librarian
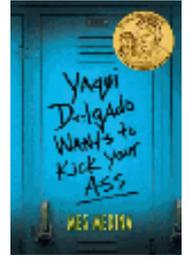
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Hope Nation: YA Authors Share Personal Moments of Inspiration edited by Rose Brock
"This book of small stories and memoirs helps readers and teaches them about getting through rough times, and when something seems impossible, how you can overcome the challenge. It's an amazing piece of work. Each story was about its own topic but still related back to the main "arc.""

- Alix Russo, Class of 2024

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Picture Us in the Light by Kelly Loy Gilbert
"This novel about a first-generation Asian-American high school senior told a beautiful story of self discovery and breaking away from parents. Those who enjoy realistic fiction will find comfort in this book, as it touches on so many meaningful topics."

- Faith Kopple, Class of 2023

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Displacement by Kiku Hughes
"*Displacement* follows Kiku as she gets swept back in time to the 1940s to a Japanese incarceration camp. Kiku travels alongside her grandmother and witnesses what it was like to live her experience, drawing connections between post-WWII and present day America. Fans of Octavia Butler's *Kindred* and George Takei's autobiography, *They Called Us Enemy*, will enjoy this one!"

- Ms. Sanford, FHS English Teacher

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Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett Krosoczka
"In this graphic novel, based on the real life of the author, a kid named Jarrett, had to live with his grandparents because his mom was in rehab and he became an artist. This book is really good because of the way it was written and drawn: there was never a dull moment.."

- Michael St. Cyr, Class of 2023

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Ginny Moon by Benjamin Ludwig
"*Ginny Moon* is a captivating and heart-breaking quest for acceptance told from the point of view of a teenage girl with autism named Ginny, as she searches for her birth mother and her beloved 'baby doll.' The unique perspective and suspenseful plot feels like a mystery, as Ginny slowly puts together the dark pieces of her past while the rest of the world struggles to truly understand her story."

- Ms. Fischer, FHS English Teacher

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Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas
"The notorious assassin, Celaena Sardothien, is finally captured and put in jail just to be offered a deal that would grant her freedom, but at deadly costs. I really enjoyed this book and would recommend it because it has both action and a perfect amount of romance."

– Tyler Vo, Class of 2023

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Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass by Meg Medina
"This novel is about a girl named Piddy Sanchez who is being severely tormented by someone named Yaqui Delgado from her high school. She struggles to avoid this bully while still balancing her everyday life. I really enjoyed the book because it really opened my eyes to many issues."

- Ryan Kish, Class of 2023

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Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell
"Eleanor, the new girl in town, has just moved back in with her mother and abusive step father. Unexpectedly, she meets Park on the bus, and they become very close. Park shows her what it's like to be loved and appreciated."

- Makenzie Jones, Class of 2023

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