



Framingham High School

115 A Street, Framingham, MA 01701
phone: 508.620.4963 fax: 508.877.6603

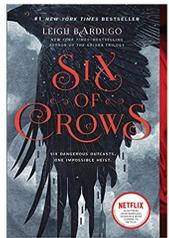
2021 SUMMER READING for students entering **GRADE 11**

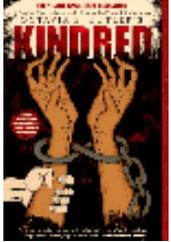
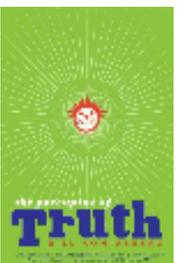
“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body” – Sir Richard Steele

Students entering grade 11 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 11th graders in October 2021. We encourage students to consider reading *Dear Justyce* so that they can actively engage in the conversation with Ms. Stone this fall. *Dear Martin*, the companion book to *Dear Justyce*, will be the Framingham Public Library’s book for “Framingham Reads Together” this summer.

<p><i>Dear Justyce</i> by Nic Stone</p> <p>“For Quan, the playground is a place to hide, alone, when life at home becomes dangerous. When Quan unexpectedly meets Justyce at the playground, they become fast friends. Despite looking like his new friend, Quan’s life grows more challenging as he ages and faces a system that is set up to bury him. As he struggles to survive in the inner city, Quan finds himself reaching out to Justyce as he reflects on the path that led to murder charges.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Mrs. Murphy, FHS English Teacher</p> <p>eBook/eLivro/eLibro: FPL / Sora ~ Audio: FPL / Sora</p>	
<p><i>Six of Crows</i> by Leigh Bardugo</p> <p>“Released as a companion series to the <i>Shadow and Bone</i> trilogy (now on Netflix), <i>Six of Crows</i> follows Kaz and his ragtag group of criminals as they embark on their deadliest heist yet. You will fall in love with these well-developed characters in this action-packed fantasy novel. And if you find yourself loving it, there is a second book waiting when you finish!”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Ms. Sanford, FHS English Teacher</p> <p>e: FPL / Sora</p>	
<p><i>Far from the Tree</i> by Robin Benway</p> <p>“<i>Far from the Tree</i> is a novel about three siblings who were put into the adoption system when they were young. Now, as teenagers, the three of them meet up to uncover the past, and help each other solve life problems. <i>Far from the Tree</i> was really entertaining.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Alisha Atighetchi, Class of 2022</p> <p>e: FPL / Sora ~ Audio: FPL / Sora</p>	

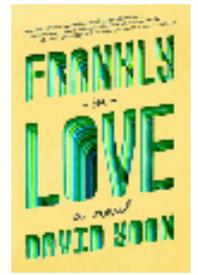
<p><i>Kindred</i> (graphic novel adaptation) by Octavia Butler, adapted by Damian Duffy “In this graphic novel, an African-American woman named Dana is living in the 20th century but is transported back to the 1800s, where she meets her ancestors, who were both enslaved people and slave-owners. I enjoyed reading the novel because it demonstrates the struggle the African-Americans went through during the 1800's from an African-American point of view.” - Reymond Sanchez Cuellar, Class of 2022</p> <p>e: FPL / Sora</p>	
<p><i>The Book of Unknown Americans</i> by Cristina Henríquez “This novel is told from the perspectives of residents of an apartment complex, all of them immigrants from Central and South America. The story especially focuses on the blossoming relationship between two teens: Mayor and newly-arrived Maribel, whose family is struggling to adjust to life in the United States. This book shines a realistic light on the challenges and triumphs faced by people attempting to start over in a new place.” - Ms. Courchesne, FHS Librarian</p> <p>e: FPL / Sora ~ Audio: FPL / Sora</p>	
<p><i>Dread Nation</i> by Justina Ireland “This novel blends historical fiction, sci-fi and a LOT of action. It takes place in an alternative version of the past in which the Civil War ended and the battlefield dead on both sides became zombies; the hero of this story is Jane McKeene, the biracial daughter of a white, wealthy Southern woman, who, because of her dark skin, is drafted into combat to put down the enemy, but she finds that the zombies are not the only enemy. A total page-turner with dark political undertones. I highly recommend it!” - Ms. Courchesne, FHS Librarian</p> <p>e: FPL / Sora ~ Audio: FPL / Sora</p>	
<p><i>The Porcupine of Truth</i> by Bill Konigsberg “This book is about Carson’s quest to find his grandfather, who left his dad when he was young. I really recommend this book because the characters are very relatable; they are going through the same problems that every other teenager.” [...] “<i>The Porcupine of Truth</i> is about a boy, Carson, and his friend (but not girlfriend), Aisha, who go on a search for Carson's grandfather. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants a moving story and more LGBT characters in literature.” Isabella Milaszewski, Class of 2022; Annie Newman, Class of 2020</p> <p>e: FPL / Sora</p>	
<p><i>I'll Give You the Sun</i> by Jandy Nelson “This was an amazing novel: a very descriptive, detailed version of the life of a family that goes through some of the hardest struggles of growing up together. I completely recommend it, and while I started reading the book like ‘ugh, another summer assignment’, I finished it completely engrossed.” - Tim Riedl, Class of 2022</p> <p>eBook/eLivro/eLibro: FPL / Sora</p>	
<p><i>One of Us Is Lying</i> by Karen McManus “Five people walk into detention. Four walk out.” “I recommend this book for anyone who likes mysteries. I sure do; that's why I read it.” - Jahkhi Davis, Class of 2021; Gabriel Taveira, Class of 2022</p> <p>e: FPL / Sora ~ Audio: FPL / Sora</p>	

Frankly in Love by David Yoon

“This funny, realistic novel is about a Korean-American boy, Frank, who has very strict parents and is unable to do certain things that make him happy, and that includes relationships with people of any other race, so he ends up fake dating a family friend so they can both pursue their own relationships and it gets ... interesting! I loved this book because it is a very different take on the whole ‘fake dating’ storyline.”

e: [FPL / Sora](#) ~ Audio: [FPL / Sora](#)

- Angela Middleton, Class of 2023



***Students entering AP English Language & Composition must read *On Writing* by Stephen King, in addition to a second book of their choosing.**

On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft by Stephen King

“*On Writing* provided a comprehensive guide of how to begin as a writer, as well as being a memoir of King’s life and how his experiences fed his growth as a successful writer..”

e: [FPL / Sora](#) ~ Audio: [FPL / Sora](#)

- Benjy Wolf-Wagner, Class of 2022

