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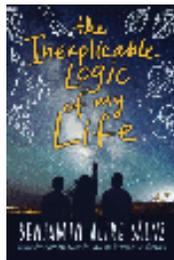
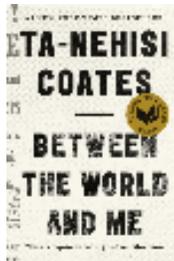
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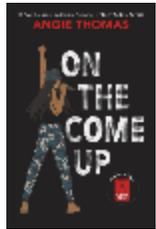
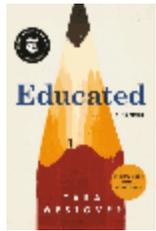
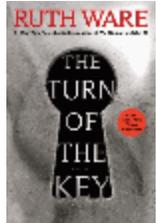
## 2021 SUMMER READING for students entering GRADE 12

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

Students entering grade 12 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.

<p><b><i>Inexplicable Logic of My Life</i></b> by Benjamin Alire Saenz  “<i>The Inexplicable Logic of My Life</i> tells a story about high school students going through the adventures and rough patches in growing up. The novel is filled with love, family, adventure, and loss. I enjoyed the book because of how easily one could connect with the main character Sal. I would recommend this book to any Senior questioning what book they should read for the summer.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Humberto Zepeda, Class of 2020</p> <p>eBook/eLivro/eLibro: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>The Best We Could Do</i></b> by Thi Bui  “<i>The Best We Could Do</i> is a graphic novel based on the true story of the lives of the main character's parents as they immigrate to America during the Vietnam war. This book focuses heavily on the domestic effects that the painful process of immigration takes on the family, and how the characters impact each other's lives.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Zach Mauricio, Class of 2020</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>Between the World and Me</i></b> by Ta-Nehisi Coates  “<i>Between the World and Me</i> is a moving, engaging, and insightful letter from the author to his son about the racial history of our country and the residue it has left. Coates transitions smoothly from personal anecdotes, to civil war battlefields, to modern day Baltimore to consider the state of race relations in our country. His meditation offers a riveting glimpse into our country's fraught history, its challenging present, and its potential future.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Mr. George, FHS English Teacher</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	

<p><b><i>Scythe</i></b> by Neal Shusterman</p> <p>“Scythe is a science fiction novel that takes place in a futuristic world in which humans have achieved immortality. In order to control the human population, people called Scythes kill a quota of people each year, with the expectation of unbiased killing, separate from race, gender, and age. [...] We loved this book because it is witty, thought-provoking, and keeps you hooked. It allows the reader to be in the shoes of the main characters in a way that creates a unique view of morality and humanity.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Isabelle Blais &amp; Eliana Cohen, Class of 2020</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL</a></p>	
<p><b><i>They Both Die at the End</i></b> by Adam Silvera</p> <p>“This novel is about two strangers who discover that they only have 24 hours to live; they find one another and spend the day together. I really liked and appreciated how detailed and honestly beautiful the plot of the story was.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Celina Rodrigues, Class of 2021</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>On the Come Up</i></b> by Angie Thomas</p> <p>“Written by Angie Thomas, a #1 New York Times bestseller, <i>On the Come Up</i> tells the story of a young rapper named Bri hoping to make it in the music industry. Along the way she faces racism, sexism, gang violence, poverty, and the loss of loved ones, timely and relevant issues in today’s world.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Emma Rothwell, Class of 2022</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>The Grief Keeper</i></b> by Alexandra Villasante</p> <p>“This novel follows a girl coming from El Salvador to the US; her asylum gets denied and she has to take on the grief of another girl in the US to be able to stay. I really liked this book because it was different than any other book that I have ever read and I recommend it!”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Kaya Glass, Class of 2021</p> <p>e: <a href="#">Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>Educated</i></b> by Tara Westover</p> <p>“<i>Educated</i> is an inspirational true story that follows Tara as she escapes her anti-government devout Mormon family in pursuit to receive an education. The memoir covers a variety of heavy topics, and it makes Tara's journey an emotionally impactful one.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Matthew Lyons, Class of 2021</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	
<p><b><i>The Turn of the Key</i></b> by Ruth Ware</p> <p>“A mysterious story with numerous twists and turns, this novel tells the story of Rachel, who is awaiting trial on charges for the murder of a child, a child she was hired to nanny. The book is full of odd occurrences that leave the reader guessing right until the end; you won’t know who to trust and you will suspect everyone.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Mrs. Maynard, FHS Science Teacher</p> <p>e: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a> ~ Audio: <a href="#">FPL / Sora</a></p>	

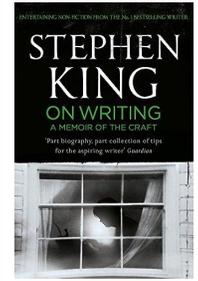
\*Students entering A.P. English Language & Composition as 12th graders must read *On Writing* by Stephen King, in addition to a second book of their choosing.

***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..”

- Benjy Wolf-Wagner, Class of 2022

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\*Students entering A.P. English Literature must read *Americanah*, in addition to a second book of their choosing.

***Americanah*** by Chimamanda Adichie

“A young Nigerian woman, Ifemelu, gets a scholarship to an Ivy League school and starts a life in America. But, life is not what she thought it would be. While Ifemelu is trying to thrive in America, her boyfriend, Obinze, is similarly trying to find success in Britain. Although I am usually a fan of mysteries and action books, Adichie’s realistic novel totally hooked me. It is funny, brilliant, and offers an important perspective that I found enlightening.”

- Ms. Crofut, FHS English Teacher

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