

Rising Eleventh Graders at Chiles High School
English III
Optional Summer Reading 2022

All rising **English III** students are **encouraged** to read one or more of the following titles.
All juniors will be assigned a short story to read and analyze when we return to school in August.

***A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith © 1984 (403 pages)**

This novel covers 110 years of Florida history, 1863 - 1968, as seen through the eyes of several generations of a pioneer family. The book takes readers on a journey through the events, people, and places that shaped Florida's history. This historical fiction book has been voted **BEST FLORIDA BOOK** for 12 years in a row and is also the winner of the Florida Historical Society's Prize as the Most Outstanding Florida Historical Novel. This book has become Florida's favorite novel.

***Gym Candy* by Carl Deuker © 2007**

Mick Johnson works hard for a placement on the varsity team during his freshman year, and decides to use steroids in order to hold onto his edge, despite the consequences to his health and social life. Florida Teens Read Book 2009-2010

***The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore © 2010**

This *New York Times* Bestseller tells the true story of two men with the same name who were born blocks apart within a year of each other. The author grew up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other Wes Moore ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence. The author analyzes the various sociocultural factors that influenced him, focusing on the influence of relatives, mentors, and social expectations that could have led either of them on different paths.

***Unwind* by Neal Shusterman © 2007**

Three teens embark upon a cross-country journey in order to escape from a society that salvages body parts from children ages thirteen to eighteen. A multiple award winner including a Florida Teens Read Book 2009-2010.

***Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline ©**

An unforgettable story of friendship and second chances that highlights a little-known but significant historical movement. The past and the present collide to reveal an unexpected friendship and the secrets that prevent us from finding ourselves. (*A New York Times* Bestseller)

Per School Board Policy 2240, Leon County Schools recognizes that certain instructional materials may conflict with a student's or parent's value system. In such cases, a parent may request in writing an alternative summer reading assignment. Please direct inquiries to Ms. Calli Pickens, AP Curriculum and Instruction.