

**2022 Optional Summer Reading
Rising 9th Grade
Chiles High School**



Summer 2022

For the summer of 2022, we encourage students to read what they enjoy reading! Students should keep a record of what they read (a simple list with title, author, and a 1-2 sentence summary would do).

Students who choose to complete the summer reading will be assessed on their understanding of the texts within the first **two weeks** of school. This optional assignment will serve as an extra grade in the gradebook.

If students aren't sure what to read, they can consider the following possibilities. Our newly adopted textbook recommends the following books to pair thematically with potential units throughout the school year:

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
Angela's Ashes: A Memoir by Frank McCourt
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez
A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson
Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya
Unbroken by Louisa Hillenbrand
Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
Romiette and Julio by Sharon M. Draper
The Death of Ivan Ilyich by Leo Tolstoy
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Anthem by Ayn Rand
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
Untwine by Edwidge Danticat
Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

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In lieu of a traditional summer reading assignment, all students will be assigned selected short texts to read for homework at the beginning of the school year. Students will be assessed on their understanding of these texts within the **first two weeks of school**. After the assessment, these texts will also serve as the foundation for classroom discussions and assignments.