



# The Woodlands College Park High School

Conroe Independent School District

## English II Level

2020-2021 Summer Reading

*In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners.*

**"What we know is that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development while kids who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency..."**

*Richard Allington, professor of literacy studies and past-president of the International Reading Association and the Literacy Research Association*

*We, in Conroe ISD, do maintain our belief in the power of reading for all students. In order to maintain reading skills and continue to grow a reading life, we encourage all students to continue reading over the summer.*

**In light of the current public health situation and modified learning environment, we will not be requiring students to complete any accompanying assignment or project for any suggested summer reading for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Even though there is not a required summer reading project this year, summer reading is still highly suggested to better your transition into 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Below is a list of suggestions for those of you who are interested in reading something new.

1. ***Dry*** by Neal Shusterman, published by Simon & Shuster BFYR, 2018. Californians were warned about water usage. Suddenly there is a tap-out: there is no water in California. None! Suburbs turn into war zones. Alyssa just wants to survive and find her parents. **Adventure, Dystopia, Realistic Fiction**
2. ***The Cold is in Her Bones*** by Peterbelle van Arsdale, published by Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2019. Milla has lived a very secluded, protected life until Iris comes to live near them and tells her of the demon that terrorizes the village. Milla soon realizes that secrets need to be revealed. **Fantasy, Horror, Realistic Fiction**
3. ***Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree*** by Adaobi Nwaubani, published by Katherine Tegen Books, 2018. She is a dutiful daughter who works hard and dreams of going to university. When militants invade her town, kidnapping her and other girls, she refuses to give up hope for a chance to escape. **Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction**
4. ***Truly Devious*** by Maureen Johnson, published by Katherine Tegen Books, 2018. Freshman Stevie is on a mission. She is intent on solving the decades-old kidnapping that happened at her school. When one of her new classmates dies, Stevie is drawn into a dangerous investigation. **Mystery/Suspense**
5. ***With the Fire on High*** by Elizabeth Acevedo, published by Harper Teen, 2019. Emoni, a teen mother, student and aspiring chef, struggles with the challenges of finishing high school and following her dreams. **Realistic Fiction**
6. ***Throw*** by Ruben Degollado, published by Slant, 2019. *Throw* is a throwback to the simpler yet hopeful times of the 1980s. A Mexican-American version of *The Outsiders* told in beautiful realistic prose. A tragic love story that will move you, haunt you, and complete you. **Realistic Fiction**
7. ***Stepsister*** by Jennifer Donnelly, published by Scholastic Press, 2019. This is the story of what happens to Isabella and Octavia, the ugly stepsisters, after Ella gets married to the prince. **Fantasy**
8. ***Dear Evan Hansen: The Novel*** by Val Emmich, published by Poppy/Little, Brown and Company, 2018. Evan gets caught up in being a hero, because everyone thinks before Connor killed himself, Evan was his only friend. How long can Evan handle keeping his secret? **Realistic Fiction**

9. ***Game Changer*** by Tom Greenwald, published by Amulet Books, 2019. Incoming freshman football player Teddy is seriously injured during training camp. Told through snippets of conversation that he hears while in a coma and social media posts from other students at his school, we learn that the injury may not be the accident everyone thought it was at first. **Novel in verse, Realistic Fiction**
10. ***Voices: The Final Hours of Joan of Arc*** by David Elliot, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2019. Joan of Arc's final hours were spent bound to a stake waiting for the fire beneath her to be lit and the flames to overtake her. How did she get to this place? What was she thinking while she waited? **Historical Fiction, Novel in verse**
  - All books were pulled from the 2020 TAYSHAS Reading List.

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