



# The Woodlands College Park High School

Conroe Independent School District

## English II Level

2021-2022 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*

### Student Task:

1. Read one of the following books on the given list.
2. As you read, pay attention to - **characterization, theme, figurative language, and word choice.**
  - **Suggestion:** Use a highlighter or sticky notes to mark your annotations. This will help you when we return to school
  - If you use a digital device for your book, on your own paper, write the quote and page number that is an example of the list above.
3. Bring your book or detailed notes on the first day. Be ready to discuss and use this book for a class assignment that will be due the first week of school.

### English II Teacher's Top Picks:

1. ***What Unbreakable Looks Like*** by: Kate McLaughlin - Lex has had it rough. Her mother's boyfriend sold her to be a sex worker. After being rescued, she lives with her aunt and uncle. She struggles to fit in and to trust anyone, but slowly finds the courage to open up. **(YA Fiction)**
2. ***Three Things I know are True*** by: Betty Culley - Liv's life is so different since her brother accidentally shot himself in the head at his best friend's house. Now the living room houses his hospital bed and all his equipment that is keeping him alive. Liv is not ready to let her brother go. **(YA Fiction, Poetry/Verse)**
3. ***Tweet Cute*** by: Emma Lord - Jack and Pepper, the children of rival Grilled Cheese stores, battle it out over Twitter, trying to out-tweet/out-gif each other. Their war to find Twitverse's favorite grilled cheese leads them to discoveries about who they truly are both behind the app and in front of each other. **(YA Fiction, Romance)**
4. ***The Lucky Ones*** by: Liz Lawson - How do you move on when you are holding on to so much anger? Ten months following a school shooting, May, the lone survivor of a school shooting, and Zach, the son of the attorney who has chosen to represent the shooter, cross each other's paths with unexpected consequences. **(YA Fiction)**
5. ***One of Us is Next*** by: Karen McManus -- Sequel to *One of Us is Lying*. Eighteen months after Simon's reign of terror over Bayview HS, someone is playing copycat, picking up where Simon left off. Juniors Phoebe, Knox, & Maeve do not know who to trust anymore. It has become a dangerous game of Truth or Dare for them & other members of Bayview High. **(Fiction, Mystery, Thriller)**
6. ***If These Wings Could Fly*** by: Kyrie McCauley -- In Leighton's last year of high school, she grapples with going to college, where she can escape her abusive father and complacent, and the guilt of

leaving her sisters behind in a house that seems to fall apart and knit itself together around them. As her father's rage grows, a strange influx of crows begins to appear in town. **(Fiction, Fantasy)**

7. ***Cracking the Bell*** by: Geoff Herbach -- After his sister's death, football saved Isaiah. Now after too many hits, football could kill him. Isaiah has some tough decisions to make. **(Realistic Fiction, Sports)**

8. ***Golden Arm*** by: Carl Deuker -- Laz is a senior in high school who has a stutter when he speaks, an impoverished home, and a school that has decided to do away with his true passion, baseball. He gets an opportunity to play for a school across town, but this opportunity comes with sacrifices. Laz must choose between his dreams of becoming a major league pitcher or being who his family needs most. **(Realistic Fiction, Sports)**

For additional titles and more details about each book, go to the following link or QR code:



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sE3Ehkq9-jKCFuO4id1QeS57LSOCHNdP/view?usp=sharing>

★ All books were pulled from the 2021 TAYSHAS Reading List.

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<p><b><u>Destiny Discover</u></b> Check out ebooks and audiobooks from your campus library using the SSO.</p>	<p><b><u>Open Library</u></b> Create a free account</p> 