

McCullough Language Arts
Summer Reading Program 2017

Dear Incoming Students,

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.

Additionally, students are expected to engage in summer reading as it prepares students for the upcoming school year and creates an initial common framework for classroom discussion and instruction.

The Assignment: Read and annotate one book from the attached [2015 Texas Lone Star Reading List](#).

Required for students enrolled in the following language arts courses:

- 8th grade Pre-AP
- 8th grade level
- 7th grade Pre-AP

Encouraged but optional for students enrolled in in the following language arts course:

- 7th grade level

Annotating: Annotating a text is like having a conversation with a book—it allows the active reader to ask questions, comment on meaning, and mark events and passages he or she wants to revisit.

- Highlight or underline important passages, words, or descriptions, and write a note as to why you identified the passage, words, or descriptions
- Note and underline new characters when they are introduced.
- Comment on words, images, and details that seem to form a pattern throughout the novel.
- Highlight passages that you think might be symbolic and record your comments in the margins.
- Write notes in the margins (your reaction to what happens, predictions, characterizations, questions you might have, etc.)
- Note interesting techniques the author used or questions you have for the author

Your annotations, or notes, will be used to guide your understanding and participation in discussions about theme, literary devices, and author's choices.

Sincerely,

McCullough Language Arts Department

2015 Texas Lone Star Reading List

Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2014.
ISBN: 9780544107717

Chen, Justina. *A Blind Spot for Boys*. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2014.
ISBN: 9780316102537

Fantaskey, Beth. *Buzz Kill*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2014.
ISBN: 9780547393100

Garcia, Kami. *Unbreakable*. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2013.
ISBN: 9780316210171

Gebhart, Ryan. *There Will Be Bears*. Candlewick, 2014.
ISBN: 9780763665210

Harrington, K.A. *Forget Me*. Putnam Juvenile, 2014.
ISBN: 9780399165290

Hoover, P.J. *Tut: The Story of My Immortal Life*. Starscape, 2014.
ISBN: 9780765334688

Hopkinson, Deborah. *The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel*. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2013.
ISBN: 9780375848186

Jobin, Matthew. *The Nethergrim*. Philomel, 2014.
ISBN: 9780399159985

Johnson, Varian. *The Great Greene Heist*. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2014.
ISBN: 9780545525527

London, Alex. *Proxy*. Philomel, 2013.
ISBN: 9780399257766

Lough, Amber. *The Fire Wish*. Random House Books for Young Readers, 2014.
ISBN: 9780385369763

Lunetta, Demitria. *In the After*. HarperTeen, 2013.
ISBN: 9780062105455

Oppel, Kenneth. *The Boundless*. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2014.
ISBN: 9781442472884

Pearson, Mary E. *The Kiss of Deception*. Henry Holt and Co., 2014.
ISBN: 9780805099232

Poblocki, Dan. *The Haunting of Gabriel Ashe*. Scholastic Press, 2013.
ISBN: 9780545402705

Sanderson, Brandon. *Steelheart*. Delacorte Press, 2013.
ISBN: 9780385743563

Sheinkin, Steve. *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights*.
Roaring Brook Press, 2014.
ISBN: 9781596437968

Van Wagenen, Maya. *Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek*. Dutton Juvenile, 2014.
ISBN: 9780525426813

White, J.A. *The Thickety*. Katherine Tegen Books, 2014.
ISBN: 9780062257246

The Texas Lone Star list is a recommended reading list developed by public and school librarians from the Young Adult Round Table. The purpose of the list is to encourage students in grades 6, 7, or 8 to explore a variety of current books. The Lone Star list is intended for recreational reading, not to support a specific curriculum. Due to the diversity of this age range, Texas librarians should purchase titles on this list according to their individual collection policies. The annotated 2013 Lone Star Reading List, past Lone Star Reading selections, and additional resources are available at:
<http://www.txla.org/groups/lonestar>.