

McCullough Language Arts
Summer Reading Program 2018

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 **2016 Texas Lone Star Reading List**. Students are encouraged to read more than one book over the summer, but only one is required for this assignment.

Required for all incoming 7th and 8th grade McCullough students, both level and Pre-AP.

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 for the author or about the story, 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

2016 TEXAS LONE STAR READING LIST

- Altebrando, Tara. **The Battle of Darcy Lane**. Running Press Kids, 2014. ISBN: 9780762449484
- Brown, Jennifer. **How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me from Robots, Traitors, and Missy the Cruel**. Bloomsbury U.S.A. Children's Books, 2015. ISBN: 9781619634541
- Buckley, Michael. **Undertow**. Harcourt Brace and Company, 2015. ISBN: 9780544348257
- Caine, Rachel. **Ink and Bone**. New American Library, 2015. ISBN: 9780451472397
- Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. **Moving Target**. Scholastic Press, 2015. ISBN: 9780545773188
- Graff, Lisa. **Lost in the Sun**. Philomel Books, 2015. ISBN: 9780399164064
- Hoose, Phillip. **The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015. ISBN: 9780374300227
- Larson, M.A. **Pennyroyal Academy**. Putnam Publishing Group, 2014. ISBN: 9780399163241
- Laurie, Victoria. **When**. Disney-Hyperion, 2015. ISBN: 9781484700082
- Laybourne, Emmy. **Sweet**. Feiwel & Friends, 2015. ISBN: 9781250055194
- Maetani, Valynne E. **Ink and Ashes**. Tu Books, 2015. ISBN: 9781620142110
- Nielsen, Jennifer A. **A Night Divided**. Scholastic Press, 2015. ISBN: 9780545682428
- Nielsen, Susin. **We Are All Made of Molecules**. Wendy Lamb Books, 2015. ISBN: 9780553496864
- Priest, Cherie. **I Am Princess X**. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015. ISBN: 9780545620857
- Reynolds, Jason. **The Boy in the Black Suit**. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015. ISBN: 9781442459502
- Schreiber, Joe. **Con Academy**. Harcourt Brace and Company, 2015. ISBN: 9780544320208
- Shine, Joe. **I Become Shadow**. Soho Teen, 2014. ISBN: 9781616953584
- Swendson, Shanna. **Rebel Mechanics: All is Fair in Love and Revolution**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015. ISBN: 9780374300098
- Toten, Teresa. **The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B**. Delacorte Press, 2015. ISBN: 9780553507867
- Yeh, Kat. **The Truth About Twinkie Pie**. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015. ISBN: 9780316236621

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 2016 Lone Star Reading List, past Lone Star Reading selections, and additional resources are available at: <http://www.txla.org/groups/lone-star>