

McCullough Language Arts
Summer Reading Program 2019

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 **2017 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

2017 TEXAS LONE STAR READING LIST

- Brody, Jessica. **A Week of Mondays**. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2016. ISBN: 9780374382704
- Carter, Aimee. **Simon Thorn and the Wolf's Den**. Bloomsbury, 2016. ISBN: 9781619637047
- Collier, Peter. **Choosing Courage: Inspiring True Stories of What It Means to Be a Hero**. Artisan, 2016. ISBN: 9781579657055
- Davies, Linda. **Longbow Girl**. Scholastic, 2016. ISBN: 9780545853453
- Eagar, Lindsay. **Hour of the Bees**. Candlewick Press, 2016. ISBN: 9780763679224
- Elliott, Kate. **Court of Fives**. Little, Brown, 2015. ISBN: 9780316364195
- Gangsei, Jan. **Zero Day**. Disney-Hyperion, 2016. ISBN: 9781484722268
- Gratz, Alan. **Code of Honor**. Scholastic, 2015. ISBN: 9780545695190
- Graudin, Ryan. **Wolf By Wolf**. Little, Brown, 2015. ISBN: 9780316405126
- Harrington, Karen. **Mayday**. Little, Brown, 2016. ISBN: 9780316298018
- Henry, April. **The Girl I Used to Be**. Henry, Holt, 2016. ISBN: 9781627793322
- Jobling, Curtis. **Max Helsing and the Thirteenth Curse**. Viking, 2015. ISBN: 9780451474797
- Khoury, Jessica. **The Forbidden Wish**. Penguin, 2016. ISBN: 9781595147677
- Khoury, Jessica. **Kalahari**. Penguin, 2015. ISBN: 9781595147653
- Liss, David. **Randoms**. Simon & Schuster, 2015. ISBN: 9781481417792
- Long, Susan Hill. **The Magic Mirror: Concerning a Lonely Princess, a Foundling Girl, a Scheming King and a Pickpocket Squirrel**. Penguin Random House, 2016. ISBN: 9780553511345
- Magoon, Kekla. **Shadows of Sherwood**. Bloomsbury, 2015. ISBN: 9781619636347
- Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost**. Simon & Schuster, 2016. ISBN: 9781481450157
- Sands, Kevin. **The Blackthorn Key**. Aladdin, 2015. ISBN: 9781481446518
- Welch, Jenna Evans. **Love and Gelato**. Simon & Schuster, 2016. ISBN: 9781481432542

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 2017 Lone Star Reading List, past Lone Star Reading selections, and additional resources are available at: <http://www.txla.org/groups/lone-star>