

Summer Reading 2025

For this summer, you will be choosing a book that you would like to read based on the list below. Books can be purchased from various book stores, online, or can be borrowed from the Philadelphia Public Library. Feel free to research the book ahead of time to make sure that you are interested in reading it. The book options that are listed below provide a brief summary, but it is your job to further research your selection. Be sure to get your book early in the summer so that you are able to read and complete the choice board assignments.

Book Options:

Genre	Title/Author	Brief Summary
Realistic Fiction	<i>Firekeeper's Daughter</i> by Angeline Boulley (2021)	Daunis, a biracial Anishinaabe teen, is drawn into an FBI investigation on drug trafficking in her community, forcing her to balance justice with loyalty to her people.
Dystopian	<i>Scythe</i> by Neal Shusterman (2016)	In a future where humanity has conquered death, two teens are chosen to train as Scythes—officials responsible for controlling the population by killing.
Coming of Age	<i>Clap When You Land</i> by Elizabeth Acevedo (2020)	Told in verse, this novel follows two sisters—one in the Dominican Republic, the other in New York—who discover each other's existence after their father's tragic death.
Fantasy	<i>Legendborn</i> by Tracy Deonn (2020)	A modern-day Arthurian legend retelling featuring Bree, a Black teen who joins a secret society at UNC Chapel Hill while uncovering hidden truths about her mother's death.
Horror/Gothic Fiction	<i>Mexican Gothic</i> by Silvia Moreno-Garcia (2020)	A young woman travels to a remote Mexican mansion to check on her cousin and discovers eerie secrets lurking within the decaying estate.
Mystery/Thriller	<i>One of Us is Lying</i> by Karen M. McManus	When five students walk into detention and only four come out alive, secrets unravel in this modern high school murder mystery.

Realistic Fiction	<i>You Have a Match by Emma Lord (2021)</i>	When Abby takes a DNA test, she discovers she has a secret older sister, Savannah. The two meet at summer camp and navigate family secrets, identity, and friendship.
Poetry/Verse	<i>Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds (2017)</i>	A gripping novel-in-verse about a young boy considering revenge for his brother's murder while encountering ghosts from his past on a haunting elevator ride.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>Turtles All the Way Down by John Green (2017)</i>	Aza, a teen struggling with anxiety and OCD, investigates the disappearance of a billionaire while grappling with friendships, love, and mental health.
Fantasy	<i>Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi (2018)</i>	In a West African-inspired fantasy world where magic has been erased, a young girl must restore it while evading a ruthless prince.

11th Grade Summer Reading Choice Board

Instructions: Choose **three** activities to complete based on your summer reading book. These activities should be based on ONE book that you chose to read from the chosen reading list. All three of your choice assignments will be due during the first two weeks of school. It will be necessary for you to read and think about your options during the summer. Be creative and thoughtful in your responses!

1. Create a one pager-Design a visually engaging one pager that includes KEY THEMES, SYMBOLS, AT LEAST 2 IMPORTANT QUOTES, and a BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BOOK. You may design this page by hand or use slides, docs, or Canva to assist you in creating the one pager.	2. Character Playlist-Select 7 songs that relate to one of the characters in your book. Create a playlist for that character. After you list each song and artist, write a minimum of 3 sentences per song that explains why you chose that song and how it relates to a character in your book.	3. Alternative Ending- Write an alternative ending for the book that you read. You can write it in the voice of the author or you can write it in your voice explaining what you would change. If you choose to write in the voice of the author then also include a paragraph (4-5 sentences) that explains why you would make these changes. Your response should be a minimum of two full paragraphs (4-5 sentences each) typed or handwritten.
4. Social Media Takeover-Create a series of 5 social media posts (tweets, Instagram captions, TikTok ideas, etc.) that reflect a major character's perspective. You will need to be able to provide a link to these social media posts or be able to post them on a doc to turn in.	5. Literary Analysis: Write a short literary analysis that discusses the theme of your book. The analysis should be a minimum of 2 paragraphs and include quotes to support your response.	6. Compare & Contrast – Compare your book to a movie, TV show, or another book with similar themes. Discuss their similarities and differences. Your response should include evidence from both the book and the other piece of media and be a minimum of two full paragraphs in length.
7. Creative Art Piece – Create an original artwork (drawing, collage, digital design,	8. Letter to the Author – Write a letter to the author sharing your thoughts on the book,	9. Book Review Podcast or Blog Record a short podcast episode or write a blog post

etc.) inspired by a scene, character, or theme from the book. Write a short 1 paragraph explanation of your piece.	asking questions, or explaining what impact it had on you. The letter should be a minimum of three paragraphs and formatted correctly.	reviewing your book and recommending (or not recommending) it to others. Your podcast should be a minimum of 5 minutes and your blog post should be a minimum of three paragraphs. You will need to be able to turn in your audio file or link to your audio or blog online.
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Rubric for Summer Reading Assignment Choice Board Activities

Criteria	Exemplary (10-9 pts)	Proficient (8-7 pts)	Developing (6-5 pts)	Needs Improvement (4-0 pts)
Completion & Effort	Fully completes three activities with strong effort, thoughtfulness, and creativity. Goes above expectations.	Completes three activities with effort and thoughtfulness, but may lack some depth.	Completes three activities but with minimal effort and limited thoughtfulness.	Missing parts of the assignment or little effort is shown.
Understanding of the Book	Demonstrates deep understanding of the book's themes, characters, and plot through well-developed responses.	Shows understanding of key ideas, though some details may be underdeveloped.	Shows a basic understanding but lacks analysis or detail.	Limited understanding of the book; responses are unclear or off-topic.
Creativity & Presentation	Engaging, original, and visually appealing (if applicable). Thoughtful use of media, design, or unique ideas.	Shows creativity and some originality but may lack refinement or organization.	Some effort in creativity, but responses may feel generic or rushed.	Lacks creativity; work appears incomplete or not well thought out.

Writing & Mechanics	Writing is clear, well-organized, and free of grammar or spelling errors.	Mostly clear writing with minor grammar/spelling errors.	Writing is somewhat unclear with frequent errors that affect readability.	Numerous grammar/spelling errors make the work difficult to understand.
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Total Score: _____/40

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