



Belleville Public Schools  
High School Summer Reading

June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Reading is one very important way to increase reading skills and academic achievement. The State Department of Education and the U.S Department of Education strongly urge all schools to promote summer reading. All students enrolled in an English Language Arts class have a required summer reading. Attached you will find the novel choices for each grade level; all of the selected novels are recommended by The American Library Association.

Attached you will find the novel choices for each grade level. If a student is enrolled in more than one English, he/she is responsible for the required reading in each enrolled class. An in-class writing assessment will be taken on the essential question provided. This assessment will take place by Friday, October 1, 2021. Please note, AP summer assignments are located under a different link on the high school website.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction/  
Belleville High School English Department

**English 1**

<b><u>Assignment:</u></b>	Students will complete a writing assignment upon returning to school responding to the Unit 1 essential question. Students will be allowed to use notes taken while they read as well as the novel itself to help respond to the essential question essay. Please select ONE of the available book choices provided below. As always, students are welcome to challenge themselves and read ALL the suggested books.
<b><u>Essential Question:</u></b>	<i>What does it mean to be an American?</i>
<b><u>Consider While Reading:</u></b>	How does your generation define what it means to be an American? How do realities of the immigrants' experiences reflect, or fail to reflect, what it means to be an American? How is an American identity created?
<b><u>Selection Suggestions:</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Students entering Academic or Resource English classes, please choose ONE book listed below. We suggest students choose the book based on the topic and book summary.</li><li>● Students' reading abilities usually fall below, on, or above, grade level. Book choices range in difficulty.</li><li>● If needed, please use the provided reading level quick assessment to determine your child's reading level. Any reading is good reading during the summer - read for fun!</li><li>● Students entering Honors English classes, must read BOTH of the honors books listed for their ELA class.</li></ul>
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**Book Choices**

**Choose ONE of the following novels:** *The Lines We Cross* by Rana Abdel-Fattah OR *Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card* by Sara Saedi

**Honors:** Read BOTH novels: *Elizabeth and Hazel* by David Margolick AND *Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card* by Sara Saedi

<p><i>The Lines We Cross</i> by Rana Abdel-Fattah</p> <p>→ Genre: Realistic Fiction</p> <p>→ Difficulty: Easy to Moderate</p>	<p>Michael likes to hang out with his friends and play with the latest graphic design software. His parents drag him to rallies held by their anti-immigrant group, which rails against the tide of refugees flooding the country. And it all makes sense to Michael.</p> <p>Until Mina, a beautiful girl from the other side of the protest lines, shows up at his school, and turns out to be funny, smart -- and a Muslim refugee from Afghanistan. Suddenly, his parents' politics seem much more complicated.</p> <p>Mina has had a long and dangerous journey fleeing her besieged home in Afghanistan, and now faces a frigid reception at her new prep school, where she is on scholarship. As tensions rise, lines are drawn. Michael has to decide where he stands. Mina has to protect herself and her family. Both have to choose what they want their world to look like.</p> <p><a href="#">The Lines We Cross</a> (must use Belleville account to view)</p>
<p><i>Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card</i> by Sara Saedi</p> <p>→ Genre: Non Fiction</p> <p>→ Difficulty: Moderate to Challenging</p>	<p>At thirteen, bright-eyed, straight-A student Sara Saedi uncovered a terrible family secret: she was breaking the law simply by living in the United States. Only two years old when her parents fled Iran, she didn't learn of her undocumented status until her older sister wanted to apply for an after-school job, but couldn't because she didn't have a Social Security number.</p> <p>Americanized follows Sara's progress toward getting her green card, but that's only a portion of her experiences as an Iranian-"American" teenager. From discovering that her parents secretly divorced to facilitate her mother's green card application to learning how to tame her unibrow, Sara pivots gracefully from the terrifying prospect that she might be kicked out of the country at any time to the almost-as-terrifying possibility that she might be the only one of her friends without a date to the prom.</p>
<p><i>Elizabeth and Hazel</i> by David Margolick</p> <p>→ Genre: Non Fiction</p> <p>→ Difficulty: Challenging</p>	<p>The names Elizabeth Eckford and Hazel Bryan Massery may not be well known, but the image of them from September 1957 surely is: a black high school girl, dressed in white, walking stoically in front of Little Rock Central High School, and a white girl standing directly behind her, face twisted in hate, screaming racial epithets. This famous photograph captures the full anguish of desegregation—in Little Rock and throughout the South—and an epic moment in the civil rights movement.</p> <p>In this gripping book, David Margolick tells the remarkable story of two separate lives unexpectedly braided together. He explores how the haunting picture of Elizabeth and Hazel came to be taken, its significance in the wider world, and why, for the next half-century, neither woman has ever escaped from its long shadow.</p> <p><a href="#">Book Trailer (Official)</a></p>

<u>English 2</u>	
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<b><u>Essential Question:</u></b>	<i>What is the allure of fear?</i>
<b><u>Consider While Reading:</u></b>	What is it that draws us to visit haunted houses on Halloween and read stories that keep us up all night startled by every strange noise we hear? The allure of fear is a powerful attraction. Similarly, the concept of “scary but fun” appeals to many of us.
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<b><u>Book Choices</u></b>	
<b><u>Choose ONE of the following novels:</u> <i>House of Furies</i> by Madeleine Roux OR <i>Asylum</i> by Madeleine Roux</b>	
<b><u>Honors:</u> Read BOTH novels: <i>House of Furies</i> by Madeleine Roux AND <i>The Replacement</i> by Brenna Yovanoff</b>	
<i>House of Furies</i> by Madeleine Roux  → Genre: Fantasy-Fiction → Difficulty: Easy-Moderate	Featuring stunning interior illustrations from artist Iris Compriet, plus photo-collages that bring the story to chilling life, <i>House of Furies</i> invites readers to a world where the line between monsters and men is ghostly thin.  After escaping a harsh school where punishment was the lesson of the day, seventeen-year-old Louisa Ditton is thrilled to find employment as a maid at a boarding house.

	<p>But soon after her arrival at Coldthistle House, Louisa begins to realize that the house's mysterious owner, Mr. Morningside, is providing much more than lodging for his guests. Far from a place of rest, the house is a place of judgment, and Mr. Morningside and his unusual staff are meant to execute their own justice on those who are past being saved.</p> <p><a href="#">House of Furies PDF</a> (must use Belleville account to view)</p> <p><a href="#">Book Trailer (Official)</a></p>
<p><i>Asylum</i> by Madeleine Roux</p> <p>→ Genre: Fantasy-Fiction</p> <p>→ Difficulty: Easy</p>	<p>Featuring found photographs from real asylums and filled with chilling mystery and page-turning suspense, <i>Asylum</i> is a horror story that treads the line between genius and insanity, perfect for fans of <i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i>.</p> <p>For sixteen-year-old Dan Crawford, the New Hampshire College Prep program is the chance of a lifetime. Except that when Dan arrives, he finds that the usual summer housing has been closed, forcing students to stay in the crumbling Brookline Dorm—formerly a psychiatric hospital. As Dan and his new friends Abby and Jordan start exploring Brookline's twisty halls and hidden basement, they uncover disturbing secrets about what really went on here . . . secrets that link Dan and his friends to the asylum's dark past. Because Brookline was no ordinary mental hospital, and there are some secrets that refuse to stay buried.</p> <p><a href="#">Asylum PDF</a> (must use Belleville account to view)</p> <p><a href="#">Audio</a></p>
<p><i>The Replacement</i> by Brenna Yovanoff</p> <p>→ Genre: Fantasy-Fiction</p> <p>→ Difficulty: Easy</p>	<p>Mackie Doyle is <i>The Replacement</i> - left in the crib of a human baby sixteen years ago. He has been raised among us. But he is not one of us. Now, he must face the dark creatures of the slag heaps from which he came and find his rightful place - in our world or theirs.</p> <p><a href="#">The Replacement PDF</a></p> <p><a href="#">Book Trailer (Official)</a></p>

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<b><u>Consider While Reading:</u></b>	Which statements do you find most compelling for Americans today: the Preamble to the Constitution or the first sentence in paragraph three of the Declaration of Independence? What are the most effective tools for establishing and preserving freedom?
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<b><u>Book Choices</u></b>	
Choose ONE of the following novels: <i>Alex &amp; Eliza</i> by Melissa De La Cruz OR <i>Dear Martin</i> by Nic Stone	
<b><u>Honors:</u></b> Read BOTH novels: <i>Alex &amp; Eliza</i> by Melissa De La Cruz AND <i>Alexander Hamilton Revolutionary</i> by Martha Brockenbrough	
<i>Alex &amp; Eliza</i> by Melissa De La Cruz → Genre: Fantasy-Fiction	As battle cries of the American Revolution echo in the distance, servants flutter about preparing for one of New York society's biggest events: the Schuylers' grand ball. Descended from two of the oldest and most distinguished bloodlines in New York, the Schuylers are proud to be one of their fledgling country's founding families, and even prouder still of their three daughters—Angelica, with her razor-sharp wit; Peggy, with her dazzling looks; and

<p>→ Difficulty: Moderate</p>	<p>Eliza, whose beauty and charm rival those of both her sisters, though she'd rather be aiding the colonists' cause than dressing up for some silly ball.</p> <p>Still, Eliza can barely contain her excitement when she hears of the arrival of one Alexander Hamilton, a mysterious, rakish young colonel and General George Washington's right-hand man. Though Alex has arrived as the bearer of bad news for the Schuylers, he can't believe his luck—as an orphan, and a bastard one at that—to be in such esteemed company. And when Alex and Eliza meet that fateful night, so begins an epic love story that would forever change the course of American history.</p> <p><a href="#">Alex &amp; Eliza PDF</a> (must use Belleville account to view)</p>
<p><i>Dear Martin</i> by Nic Stone</p> <p>→ Genre: Realistic Fiction</p> <p>→ Difficulty: Easy</p>	<p>Justyce McAllister is a good kid, an honor student, and always there to help a friend—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. Despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates.</p> <p>Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.</p> <p>Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—<i>way</i> up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack.</p> <p><a href="#">Dear Martin Online</a></p> <p><a href="#">Audio</a></p>
<p><i>Alexander Hamilton, Revolutionary</i> by Martha Brockenbrough</p> <p>→ Genre: Comedy/Humor</p> <p>→ Difficulty: Hard</p>	<p>He was born out of wedlock on a small island in the West Indies and orphaned as a teenager. From those inauspicious circumstances, he rose to a position of power and influence in colonial America.</p> <p>Discover this founding father's incredible true story: his brilliant scholarship and military career; his groundbreaking and enduring policy, which shapes American government today; his salacious and scandalous personal life; his heartrending end.</p>

<b><u>English 4</u></b>	
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<b><u>Essential Question:</u></b>	<i>What makes a hero?</i>
<b><u>Consider While Reading:</u></b>	Which counts more - taking a stand or winning? Which heroic traits does a traditional war hero exhibit? What contributes more to heroism - sacrifice or success?
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<p><i>How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child</i> by Sandra Uwiringiyimana, Abigail Pesta</p> <p>→ Genre: Non Fiction</p>	<p>This profoundly moving memoir is the remarkable and inspiring true story of Sandra Uwiringiyimana, a girl from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who tells the tale of how she survived a massacre, immigrated to America, and overcame her trauma through art and activism.</p>



<p>→ Difficulty: Easy to Moderate</p>	<p>Sandra was just ten years old when she found herself with a gun pointed at her head. She had watched as rebels gunned down her mother and six-year-old sister in a refugee camp. Remarkably, the rebel didn't pull the trigger, and Sandra escaped.</p> <p>Thus began a new life for her and her surviving family members. With no home and no money, they struggled to stay alive. Eventually, through a United Nations refugee program, they moved to America, only to face yet another ethnic disconnect. Sandra may have crossed an ocean, but there was now a much wider divide she had to overcome. And it started with middle school in New York.</p>
<p><i>Grendel's Guide to Love and War</i> by A.E Kaplan</p> <p>→ Genre: Fiction</p> <p>→ Difficulty: Easy</p>	<p>Tom Grendel lives a quiet life—writing in his notebooks, mowing lawns for his elderly neighbors, and pining for Willow, a girl next door who rejects the “manic-pixie-dream” label. But when Willow's brother, Rex (the bro-iest bro ever to don a jockstrap), starts throwing wild parties, the idyllic senior citizens' community where they live is transformed into a war zone. Tom is rightfully pissed—his dad is an Iraq vet, and the noise from the parties triggers his PTSD—so he comes up with a plan to end the parties for good. But of course, it's not that simple.</p> <p>One retaliation leads to another, and things quickly escalate out of control, driving Tom and Willow apart, even as the parties continue unabated.</p>
<p><i>City of Saints &amp; Thieves</i> by Natalie C. Anderson</p> <p>→ Genre: Mystery and Suspense</p> <p>→ Difficulty: Easy to Moderate</p>	<p>In the shadows of Sanguis City, there lives a girl who doesn't exist. After fleeing the Congo as refugees, Tina and her mother arrived in Kenya looking for the chance to build a new life and home. Her mother quickly found work as a maid for a prominent family, headed by Roland Greyhill, one of the city's most respected business leaders. But Tina soon learns that the Greyhill fortune was made from a life of corruption and crime. So when her mother is found shot to death in Mr. Greyhill's personal study, she knows exactly who's behind it.</p> <p>With revenge always on her mind, Tina spends the next four years surviving on the streets alone, working as a master thief for the Goondas, Sanguis City's local gang. It's a job for the Goondas that finally brings Tina back to the Greyhill estate, giving her the chance for vengeance she's been waiting for. But as soon as she steps inside the lavish home, she's overtaken by the pain of old wounds and the pull of past friendships, setting into motion a dangerous cascade of events that could, at any moment, cost Tina her life. But finally uncovering the incredible truth about who killed her mother—and why—keeps her holding on in this fast-paced nail-biting thriller.</p> <p><a href="#">City of Saints &amp; Thieves PDF</a> (must use Belleville account to view)</p>