

- English 10 is a literature-based course that expands on writing through text. The class will read novels, short stories, nonfiction and poetry that have common themes relevant to today's students. The literature will be separated into folders and we will generate essays and writing from these units as well as a research paper. Students will also prepare a speech and use various types of technology to present ideas.
- **Summer reading** is an important aspect of the George Washington English department. We assign one novel per grade to be read by ALL students over the summer months. These novels are selected with great care to enhance the student's education. In my class, we work with the summer reading immediately! A quiz/test on the reading is given during the first week. It is important that you are prepared for 10th grade from the start and this includes the summer reading. Please purchase the book either electronically or a physical copy. Points will be given for turning in the book or showing the electronic version. Plan on how long reading the novel should take you, as this varies with every student. Enjoy some non-Netflix-video-game time and get the reading DONE! **This summer our novel is: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie**
- I have listed the following text that will be explored in our classroom over the academic year. Students will need to purchase some of these text throughout the school year. I have also listed the summer reading novel. This novel can be purchased locally or online for a reasonable cost. Students may read a hard copy or a digital copy. If you are unable to purchase a copy please email me or speak to a counselor.
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Sherman Alexie
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Hadden
- Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck
- Seabiscuit, Laura Hillenbrand
- Oedipus Rex, Sophocles
- Macbeth, William Shakespeare
- Persepolis, Marjane Satrapi
- And Then There Were None, Agatha Christie
- Collections, school textbook

Have a great summer and I look forward to working with you next year!

