

## English 10 and 10 Honors Summer Reading

The George Washington High School English Department has decided to continue offering student choice for the 2023 Summer Reading Program. This summer, students will select one book from the list, read the book, and then complete an assignment that demonstrates what they took away from their chosen work. The list that follows is designed to offer students a broad range of reading experiences that represent a variety of genres and cover topics of current interest to high school students. With this approach, we hope to see all students find a book that they can be excited to read as they enjoy the leisure time that summer provides.

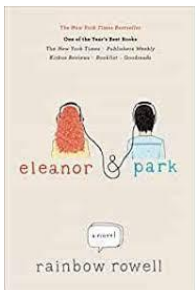
The attached book list has Amazon links attached to each entry for easy purchase; however, GWHS will also be sending the list to Taylor Books and the Kanawha County Public Library. Copies of some selections may also be obtained from the school. Any student unable to access one of the books on our list should reach out to Mrs. Melinda Sutton or Ms. Brigitte Madden via the email addresses below.

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**Parents/Guardians:** The following books vary in terms of content, message, language, and maturity level. Please guide your student in selecting a book that you feel is both beneficial and appropriate. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to find a book that fits these criteria, please email one of the above teachers. They will be happy to help you find an alternative solution.

**Students entering 10<sup>th</sup> Grade may select from the following list of books:**

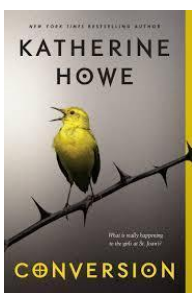


### ***Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell**

**Genre: Coming of Age Fiction**

Bono met his wife in high school, Park says. So did Jerry Lee Lewis, Eleanor answers. I'm not kidding, he says. You should be, she says, we're 16. What about Romeo and Juliet? Shallow, confused, then dead. I love you, Park says. Wherefore art thou, Eleanor answers. I'm not kidding, he says. You should be. Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits—smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. When Eleanor meets Park, you'll remember your own first love—and just how hard it pulls you under.

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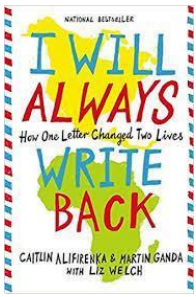


### ***Conversion* by Katherine Howe**

**Genre: Mystery**

It's senior year, and St. Joan's Academy is a pressure cooker. Grades, college applications, boys' texts: Through it all, Colleen Rowley and her friends keep it together. Until the school's queen bee suddenly falls into uncontrollable tics in the middle of class. The mystery illness spreads to the school's popular clique, then more students and symptoms follow: seizures, hair loss, violent coughing fits. St. Joan's buzzes with rumor; rumor erupts into full-blown panic. Everyone scrambles to find something, or someone, to blame. Pollution? Stress? Are the girls faking? Only Colleen—who's been reading *The Crucible* for extra credit—comes to realize what nobody else has: Danvers was once Salem Village, where another group of girls suffered from a similarly bizarre epidemic three centuries ago . . . Inspired by true events—from seventeenth-century colonial life to the halls of a modern-day high school—*Conversion* casts a spell.

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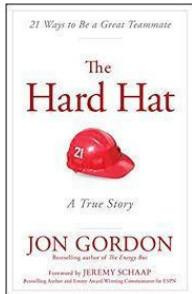


***I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka, Martin Ganda, and Liz Welch**

**Genre: Nonfiction**

It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. (Caitlin chose Zimbabwe.) Martin was lucky to even receive a pen-pal letter. There were only ten letters, and fifty kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives. In this compelling dual memoir, Caitlin and Martin recount how they became best friends --and better people--through their long-distance exchange. Their story will inspire you to look beyond your own.

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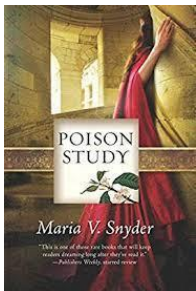


***The Hard Hat: 21 Ways to be a Great Teammate* by Jon Gordon**

**Genre: Nonfiction**

From the moment Jon Gordon heard about George Boiardi and the Hard Hat he was intrigued and captivated. Over the years he visited George's coaches, attended several "21 Dinners" held in his honor, met his family, talked to his teammates and observed how he inspired all who knew him. *The Hard Hat* is an unforgettable true story about a selfless, loyal, joyful, hard-working, competitive, and compassionate leader and teammate, the impact he had on his team and program and the lessons we can learn from him.

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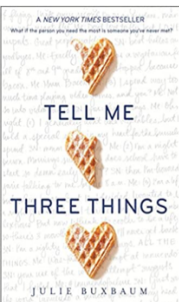


***Poison Study* by Maria V. Snyder**

**Genre: Science Fiction/Fantasy**

“About to be executed for murder, Yelena is offered an extraordinary reprieve. She'll eat the best meals, have rooms in the palace—and risk assassination by anyone trying to kill the Commander of Ixia. And so Yelena chooses to become a food taster. But the chief of security, leaving nothing to chance, deliberately feeds her Butterfly's Dust—and only by appearing for her daily antidote will she delay an agonizing death from the poison. As Yelena tries to escape her new dilemma, disasters keep mounting. Rebels plot to seize Ixia and Yelena develops magical powers she can't control. Her life is threatened again and choices must be made. But this time the outcomes aren't so clear...

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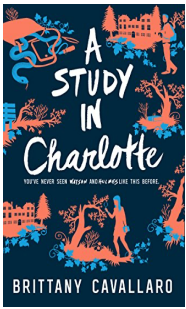


***Tell Me Three Things* by Julie Buxbaum**

**Genre: Fiction**

Everything about Jessie is wrong. At least, that's what it feels like during her first week of junior year at her new ultra-intimidating prep school in Los Angeles. It's been barely two years since her mother's death, and because her father eloped with a woman he met online, Jessie has been forced to move across the country to live with her stepmonster and her pretentious teenage son, and to start at a new school where she knows no one. Just when she's thinking about hightailing it back to Chicago, she gets an email from a person calling themselves Somebody/Nobody (SN for short), offering to help her navigate the wilds of Wood Valley High School. Is it an elaborate hoax? Or can she rely on SN for some much-needed help? In a leap of faith—or an act of complete desperation—Jessie begins to rely on SN, and SN quickly becomes her lifeline and closest ally. Jessie can't help wanting to meet SN in person. But are some mysteries better left unsolved?

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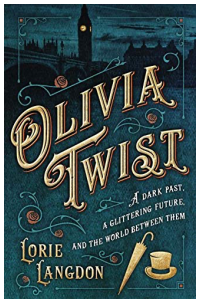


### ***A Study in Charlotte* by Brittany Cavallaro**

#### **Genre: Mystery**

The first book in a witty, suspenseful new series about a brilliant new crime-solving duo: the teen descendants of Sherlock Holmes and John Watson. Jamie Watson has always been intrigued by Charlotte Holmes; after all, their great-great-grandfathers are one of the most infamous pairs in history. But the Holmes family has always been odd, and Charlotte is no exception. She's inherited Sherlock's volatility and some of his vices—and when Jamie and Charlotte end up at the same Connecticut boarding school, Charlotte makes it clear she's not looking for friends. But when a student they both have a history with dies under suspicious circumstances, ripped straight from the most terrifying of the Sherlock Holmes stories, Jamie can no longer afford to keep his distance. Danger is mounting and nowhere is safe—and the only people they can trust are each other.

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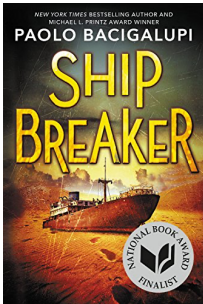


### ***Olivia Twist* by Lorie Langdon**

#### **Genre: Mystery**

Olivia Twist is an innovative reimagining of Charles Dickens' classic tale Oliver Twist, in which Olivia was forced to live as a boy for her own safety until she was rescued from the streets. Now eighteen, Olivia finds herself at a crossroads: revealed secrets threaten to destroy the "proper" life she has built for herself, while newfound feelings for an arrogant young man she shouldn't like could derail her carefully laid plans for the future.

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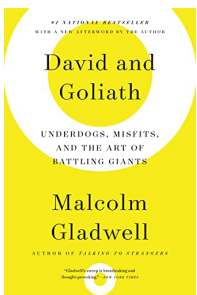


### ***Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi**

#### **Genre: Fiction**

This thrilling bestseller and National Book Award Finalist is a gritty, high-stakes adventure of a teenage boy faced with conflicting loyalties, set in a dark future America devastated by the forces of climate change. In America's flooded Gulf Coast region, oil is scarce, but loyalty is scarcer. Grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts by crews of young people. Nailer, a teenage boy, works the light crew, scavenging for copper wiring just to make quota--and hopefully live to see another day. But when, by luck or by chance, he discovers an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, Nailer faces the most important decision of his life: Strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor, a beautiful and wealthy girl who could lead him to a better life....

Order Here: <https://amzn.to/3Pt5cdV>



### ***David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and The Art of Battling Giants* by Malcolm Gladwell**

#### **Genre: Nonfiction**

Three thousand years ago on a battlefield in ancient Palestine, a shepherd boy felled a mighty warrior with nothing more than a stone and a sling, and ever since then the names of David and Goliath have stood for battles between underdogs and giants. David's victory was improbable and miraculous. He shouldn't have won.

Or should he have?

In *David and Goliath*, Malcolm Gladwell challenges how we think about obstacles and disadvantages, offering a new interpretation of what it means to be discriminated against, or cope with a disability, or lose a parent, or attend a mediocre school, or suffer from any number of other apparent setbacks.

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Reading and Assignment are due the  
first week of school.

### **Book Selection**

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### **Assignment: Photo Essay**

- Read your selected novel.
- Take an ORIGINAL photo that represents the novel in some way. This must be your own photo—not something you find online, and of course, all photos must be school appropriate.
- Think about: theme, characters, setting, plot, mood, or figurative language.
- The photo may be of anything, so be creative! Think about people, places, and objects. Decide if you want a close-up, long shot, or even panoramic.
- Edit your photo—make it art-show worthy!
- Print your photo.
- Attach your photo to a well-written explanation of how your photo connects to your chosen book. For English 10 students, this should be one paragraph. For 10 Honors, your explanation should be a short essay.