



GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
**Grade 10**  
**2017 Summer Reading**



For your summer reading assignment, you will read a book of your choice. The major requirement is that the book will follow the grade wide theme of *Choices and Decisions*.

You will not need to write about the book while you are reading it over the summer, but you are encouraged to take book notes that you can use to write an essay on the second day of school.

**NOTE:** You will receive the writing prompt the first week in English class, and the writing you complete in class will count as your first quiz grade of the year.

While you can choose almost any book that follows the grade-wide theme, please look up and consider the options below.

**SUGGESTED BOOKS**

- ✓ *The Burn Journals* – Brent Runyon
- ✓ *Crank* – Ellen Hopkins
- ✓ *Every Day* – David Leviathan
- ✓ *Compound* – S.A. Bodeen
- ✓ *Gabi, a Girl in Pieces* – Isabel Quintero
- ✓ *Before I Die* – Jennie Downham
- ✓ *When We Wuz Famous* – Greg Takoudes
- ✓ *The Girl on the Train* – Paula Hawkins
- ✓ *Scrawl* – Mark Schulman
- ✓ *The Heist* – Janet Evanovich
- ✓ *Orphan Train* – Christina Baker Kline

**SOPHOMORE HONORS STUDENTS**

Honors students are required to complete two Summer Reading assignments. In addition to this choice assignment, students are also required to read an abridged version of Homer's *The Iliad*. They should take book notes while reading to help with their understanding. The students will be given a quiz on *The Iliad* when they return to school.

A free PDF of this version can be found online at:  
<http://192.184.80.244/litgroup/reads/IliadAbridged.pdf>

The following link is for those who wish to buy the paperback edition:  
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-iliad-homer/1116743912?ean=9780981816289#productInfoTabs>

**\*DO NOT READ LIST:**

- *The Outsiders*
- *Of Mice and Men*
- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *Night*
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- *A Child Called It*  
(and all books in this series)
- *First They Killed My Father*
- *Soul Surfer*
- *The Hunger Games series*
- *Divergent series*
- *The Maze Runner series*
- *Speak*
- *Antigone*
- *The Kite Runner*
- *A Thousand Splendid Suns*
- *The Odyssey*
- *Like Water for Chocolate*
- *A Long Way Gone*
- *The Ramayana*
- *The Gilgamesh*
- *I am Malala*
- *The Penelopiad*
- *Persepolis*

**\*Students will not receive summer reading credit for these books.**

**HELPFUL TIPS:**

- Write down the title and author of your book and write a brief description of your major character.
- When you write your essay in school, only hand written notes on paper or in your book will be allowed. These notes will not be graded, but they will be collected by the teacher. **Do not print or type notes as you will not be allowed to use them.**
- If you missed the school wide book fair, consider using Goodreads.com or asking your local librarian to help you select an appropriate book.
- If you have your book, please bring the novel to class during the first full week of school.

**BOOK NOTE IDEAS**

*This is optional but encouraged!*

To help you remember key ideas from the book you read, your teachers encourage you to take notes to paraphrase (or summarize in your own words) key points. We welcome you to take notes in the margins of the book or on post-it notes if you purchased your own copy. If you borrow a book from the library or a friend, consider **one** of these strategies to take notes:

We recommend that you write bullet points about key ideas from each chapter. Your bullet points should reflect important choices and decisions made in each chapter. Include important quotes in your notes.

**CHAPTER 1**

X  
X

**CHAPTER 2**

X

**MODEL OF NOTE-TAKING***Of Mice and Men***CHAPTER 1**

X George chooses to hold Lennie's work card.

The author writes, "Think I'd let you carry your own word card?" (5).

X Lennie decides to hid a mouse.

**CHAPTER 2**

X George chooses to lie to the boss

Steinbeck writes, "He got kicked in the head by a horse when he was a kid" (22).