



**GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Grade 9 \*\*\* 2018 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 *Achieving Dreams*. As you read, be sure to pay attention to events when the character tries to reach their goal or dream.

There will be minimal writing about the book you read this summer, but you are encouraged to take book notes that you can use to write an essay during the first week 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.

<b>SUGGESTED BOOKS</b>	<b>*DO NOT READ LIST:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>Dairy Queen</i> – Catherine Murdock</li> <li>◆ <i>Fat Angie</i> – E. Charleton-Trujillo</li> <li>◆ <i>American Panda</i> – Gloria Chao</li> <li>◆ <i>Strange the Dreamer</i> – Laini Taylor</li> <li>◆ <i>The Dreamer</i> – Pam Munoz Ryan</li> <li>◆ <i>How to be Brave</i> – Catherine Kottaras</li> <li>◆ <i>A Time to Dance</i> – Padma Venkatraman</li> <li>◆ <i>Rocket Boys</i> – Homer Hickman</li> <li>◆ <i>We Beat the Streets</i> – Sampson Davis</li> <li>◆ <i>Ghost</i> – Jason Reynolds</li> <li>◆ <i>American Street</i> – Ibi Zoboi</li> <li>◆ <i>Caraval</i> – Stephanie Garber</li> <li>◆ <i>A Time to Dance</i> – Padma Venkatraman</li> <li>◆ <i>Taking Flight</i> – Michaela DePrince</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ <i>Of Mice and Men</i></li> <li>~ <i>Night</i></li> <li>~ <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i></li> <li>~ <i>Romeo and Juliet</i></li> <li>~ <i>A Raisin the Sun</i></li> <li>~ <i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian</i></li> <li>~ <i>The Outsiders</i></li> <li>~ <i>A Child Called It</i> (and all books in this series)</li> <li>~ <i>First They Killed My Father</i></li> <li>~ <i>Soul Surfer</i></li> <li>~ <i>Speak</i></li> </ul> <p><b><i>*Students will not receive summer reading credit for these books</i></b></p>

**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. **Do not print or type notes as you will not be allowed to use them.**
- Summer reading credit will not be given if you write about a book that you already read as part of prior English curriculum or a book from the Do Not Read List.
- Consider using Goodreads.com or asking your local librarian to help you select an appropriate book.
- If you purchased your book, please bring the novel to class.

