

WEST ISLIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2018

Assignment for Students Entering Grade 9

All students will read two books.

***Title #1 – Genre Study: Graphic Novel**

***Title #2 – FREE CHOICE**

“A genre is a particular type of literature, painting, music, film, or other art form which people consider as a class because it has special characteristics” (*Collins COBUILD Dictionary of American English*). This year, students entering grade 9 are being asked to read two books of different genres.

The first book should be a GRAPHIC NOVEL, a fictional story that is presented in a comic-strip format. This type of text, which combines words and images to tell a story, exercises students’ visual as well as print literacy. The reader must use both in order to understand nuances of the text and therefore, must utilize more sophisticated reading strategies.

Students’ second book is FREE CHOICE. Students may choose to read a title from any genre that is of interest and which represents an appropriate level of challenge.

Please see our district website, www.wi.k12.ny.us, for the following book lists which can be used as a guide.

- Graphic Novel Titles for Incoming 9th Grade Students
- Suggested Reading List Grades 9 – 12 (FREE CHOICE)

All genres present different kinds of demands on the reader. It is our goal to expose students to different genres so that they learn to anticipate these demands and adjust their reading accordingly. Furthermore, “having a deep understanding of the characteristics of genres is a strong foundation for all literacy-related learning” (*Genre Study*, Irene Fountas & Gay Su Pinnell, p. 19).

OTHER BOOK RESOURCES

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>

This link will take you to the YALSA’s (Young Adult Library Services Association) Teens’ Top Ten Nominees for 2018. (Click on “View an annotated list of the nominees.”) Links to Top Ten lists for previous years are also accessible.

http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/books/teens/_/N-29Z8q8Z19r4

This link will allow you to search Barnes & Noble book lists for Bestsellers, New Releases, Hit Series, and Favorite Authors. Students can also search for titles by subject area.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2017-great-graphic-novels-teens-top-ten>

This link will take you to Yalsa’s 2018 list “Great Graphic Novels for Teens.”

SPECIAL OFFER!

<http://www.capstonepub.com/library/digital/capstone-interactive-summer-reading-2018/>

Capstone is offering FREE ACCESS to Capstone Interactive all summer! Students will be able to access ebooks from any computer or internet connected device until August 31st.