



WESTLAKE ACADEMY

6th-12th Grade Summer Reading 2020-2021



6TH GRADE REQUIRED TEXTS

Genre	Title	Comments
Fiction Historical Fiction Nonfiction (Graphic Novel)	Choose TWO of the following: <i>The Fourth Stall (Part 1)</i> by Chris Rylander <i>The False Prince</i> by Jennifer A. Nielsen <i>Fever Year: The Killer Flu of 1918</i> by Dan Brown	Students should choose at least TWO out of the three novels for their summer reading and be prepared to discuss and/or complete creative projects about the reading upon the start of school in August. If you have any questions, please email Ms. O'Dell at jodell@westlakeacademy.org .

7TH GRADE REQUIRED TEXTS

Genre	Title	Comments
Nonfiction Nonfiction (Graphic Novel) Historical Fiction (Graphic Novel) Fiction	Choose ONE of the following: <i>Rising Water: Story of Thai Cave Rescue</i> by Marc Aronson <i>Wild Heart: The Daring Adventures of John Muir</i> by Julie Bertagna <i>White Bird</i> by R.J. Palacio AND At least ONE book from the Texas Bluebonnet list for 2020 OR the Texas Lone Star list for 2020 .	Students will read TWO novels. One selection should be from the three titles listed and the other is a book of choice from the Texas Bluebonnet or Lone Star Reading Lists. Students should be prepared to discuss and complete an assignment on their summer reading choices when school starts. About the Texas Bluebonnet and the Texas Lonestar reading lists: The target age group for each list is grades 3-6 for the Texas Bluebonnet and grades 6-8 for the Texas Lonestar. We are including both lists so families can review more options and select books they believe are the best fit for interest, reading ability, and maturity. If you have any questions, please email Ms. O'Dell at jodell@westlakeacademy.org .

8TH GRADE REQUIRED TEXTS

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Fiction	<p><i>7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens</i> by Sean Covey (May 2014 edition)</p> <p>AND</p> <p>At least ONE book from the Texas Lone Star list for 2020.</p>	<p>Please read <i>7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens</i>. The latest edition was updated and published by Simon and Schuster in 2014. We will use this book as a guide to set ourselves up for success in our last year of middle school.</p> <p>Also, please select a book from the 2020 Texas Lone Star Reading List and annotate to prepare for a book project presentation when we return.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Barkman at tbarkman@westlakeacademy.org.</p>
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9TH GRADE REQUIRED TEXTS

Genre	Title	Comments
Fiction and Nonfiction	Read at least TWO books from the Texas Lone Star list for 2020 .	<p>Please see the 9th Grade Summer Reading Instructions, which explain the steps to be taken after reading each book.</p> <p>Please be aware of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Responses must be submitted prior to the first day of school.2. Students need to be prepared to discuss their books at the start of school.3. There will be a surprise for students who READ MORE than two books from the list (you don't have to complete more than two responses). <p>If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Watson at twatson@westlakeacademy.org and Ms. Hargrave at khargrave@westlakeacademy.org.</p>

10TH GRADE REQUIRED TEXTS

Genre	Title	Comments
Fiction	<i>Frankenstein</i> by Mary Shelley	Please finish reading and annotating <i>Frankenstein</i> so we can pick up where you left off. As you read the book, continue to pay attention to (and annotate) significant details that contribute to characterization. Formulate your opinion of the various characters and be prepared to share your opinions along with evidence from the text.
Memoir	<i>A Long Way Gone</i> by Ishmael Beah	<p>As you read <i>A Long Way Gone</i>, annotate the text, paying attention to the role that dreams, music, and cultural stories play in the text. You will write on this text within the first days of school and you will be grateful to have these passages annotated.</p> <p>Please see the annotation guidance here.</p>

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		<p>Be sure to add me as a friend on GoodReads and keep me updated on your fun reading this summer!</p> <p>If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Estrada at kestrada@westlakeacademy.org.</p>
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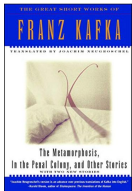



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11TH GRADE REQUIRED TEXTS

Genre	Title	Comments
Fiction	<i>The Metamorphosis</i> by Franz Kafka. Pages: 117-188. Translated by Joachim Neugroschel ISBN: 978-0-6848-0070-7 	<p>Please ensure you get the exact copies for class. Thank you!</p> <p>In the Kafka text, you only need to read pages 117-188 (<i>The Metamorphosis</i>) over the summer. Please have both texts finished by the first week of classes and be prepared to write on them right away.</p> <p>Please see the annotation guidance here. Annotating any literary devices you find will make you well prepared to dig deeper into the effects of the author's choices with the start of classes. Even if you're not sure of the significance, simply labeling its presence can be helpful down the line!</p>
Fiction	<i>The Stranger</i> by Albert Camus. Translated by Matthew Ward. ISBN: 9780679720201 	<p>If you have any questions, please email Ms. Hargrave at khargrave@westlakeacademy.org.</p>

12TH GRADE REQUIRED TEXTS

Genre	Title	Comments
Nonfiction	<p>Choose TWO of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> by Frederick Douglass• <i>Travels with Charley</i> by John Steinbeck• <i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeannette Walls• <i>Chronicles, Volume I</i> by Bob Dylan• <i>Born a Crime</i> by Trevor Noah	<p>Students will choose two of the nonfiction texts listed here to read over the summer in preparation for the start of senior year. Students will complete writing assignments on their chosen texts during the first week of school. Specific instructions will be given on the first day of classes.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Harrell at aharrell@westlakeacademy.org.</p>

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MORE SUMMER READING RESOURCES

Yes, we expect you to read the required titles for your grade level, but we hope these are not the only books you read this summer. Make sure to **check out your local library and bookstores** to find additional books for you to enjoy this summer. Here are a just a few more resources where you can access great ebooks and audiobooks:

If you need help finding a great book or accessing the resources below, email Mrs. Hess (ahess@westlakeacademy.org) or Mrs. Estrada (kestrada@westlakeacademy.org).

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AUDIOBOOKS SYNC

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Students in 6th and 7th grade will find some great books in Epic! If you do not already have an account, Epic is offering a free trial: [Epic! A collection of digital ebooks, free for 30 days!](#)

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