

Dear Friends,

In keeping with our tradition of summer reading, as in past years, choose a total of two books to read for the summer. Your choices can be from one or more of the following categories:

- A list of [Pennsylvania's Young Reader's Choice Awards](#) (please select books from the YA category)
- A book by an author or about a topic you would like to explore.
- Books you should read in your lifetime (faculty suggestions, below)

Please be prepared to give a brief report out of your chosen books in your advisory at the start of school year 2020-2021. Have a good summer, and happy reading.

Sincerely,

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Faculty Selections for Summer Reading 2020

1. *Native Son*, Richard Wright
2. *Clap When You Land*, Elizabeth Acevedo
3. *They Called Us Enemy*, George Takei
4. *Homegoing*, Yaa Gyasi
5. *Americanah*, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
6. *Kindred*, Octavia Butler
7. *The New Jim Crow*, Michelle Alexander
8. *Real American, a Memoir*, Julie Lythcott-Haims
9. *Death Comes to the Archbishop*, Willa Cather
10. *The Color Purple*, Alice Walker
11. *Small Great Things*, Jodi Picoult
12. *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, Paulo Freire
13. *The Strivers' Row Spy*, by Jason Overstreet
14. *The Sixth Extinction*, Elisabeth Colbert
15. *A Separate Peace*, John Knowles
16. *The Mis-Education Of The Negro*, Carter G. Woodson
17. *Standing at the Scratchline: A Novel*, Guy Johnson
18. *A House for Mr. Biswas*, V.S. Naipaul
19. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
20. *Brave New World*, Aldous Huxley
21. *Animal Farm* or *1984*, George Orwell
22. *Invisible Man*, Ralph Ellison
23. *White Teeth*, Zadie Smith
24. *East of Eden*, John Steinbeck
25. *The Glass Hotel*, Emily St. John Mandel
(sequel/prequel to *Station Eleven*, also excellent)
26. Anything written by the Dalai Lama
27. *On The Come Up*, Angie Thomas
28. *Back to Black: Retelling Black Radicalism for the 21st Century*, by Kehinde Andrews
29. *The Accursed* by Joyce Carol Oates
30. *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, by Azar Nafisi
31. *The Women of Brewster Place* by Gloria Naylor
32. *The House of the Spirits*, Isabel Allende
33. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, Malcolm X, Alex Haley, et. al.
34. *A People's History of the United States*, Howard Zinn
35. *The Mountains Sing*, Ngugen Phan Que Mai
36. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Ken Kesey
37. *Slaughter House Five*, Kurt Vonnegut
38. *A Room of One's Own*, Virginia Woolf (any of her novels, too)