

Summer Reading Assignment

Rising 10th Graders 2023-24

Note: The assignment described on this page will count as one of your major grades for the first cycle.

Part 1

Read one of the books listed on the next page. You can purchase the book or check it out from the Houston Public Library.

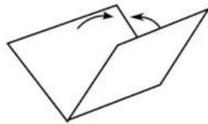
Every HISD student already has an HPL card. To log on to the HPL website use the following:

USER NAME: First initial of last name (capitalized) + student ID number PIN: MMDD (date of birth).

Part 2

Create a four-page booklet based on your book.

To make your four-page booklet, take one printer paper page and fold it in half as shown below, so you have a cover page, two inside pages, and one back cover page.



Booklet Location & Points Possible	Directions
Front Cover <i>10 Points</i>	Neatly write the book's title and author so that it fills the front cover. You may add an illustration if you like.
Inside Page 1 <i>30 points</i>	React to the book by describing what you liked most and what you liked least about the book. Each of these descriptions should be three to four sentences long and incorporate a quote from the book that goes with each description.
Inside Page 2 <i>30 points</i>	Visualize the event that stands out the most in your mind's eye as you think back over the whole book. Create a full-color illustration of the event and give it a caption that includes a fitting quote from the book.
Back Cover <i>30 points</i>	Predict what will happen to one or more of the characters. Write a 100-150 word continuation of your book that describes what you think will happen next. Pay close attention to the quality of your writing. Divide your work into paragraphs and make sure you have complete sentences with end punctuation throughout.

Note: If you want to have more room for your work, you can staple together two printer paper sheets and use a full sheet for each section listed above.

<i>Abuela, Don't Forget Me</i>	Ogle, Rex	Rex wasn't very loved at home, but his Abuela was always there for him. Now she is slipping away due to dementia and Rex writes about their memories in hopes that both of them remember the love and support that she gave him. <i>Poetry, Biography, Non-Fiction</i>
<i>Fadeaway</i>	Vickers, E. B.	Jake Foster sinks the game winning bucket to lead his high school basketball team to a state championship. He doesn't attend the party at the coach's house that night, and by the next morning, everyone realizes he is missing. Rumors begin to float through school, but no one really knows what happened to Jake. <i>Mystery, Fiction</i>
<i>Full Flight</i>	Schumacher, Ashley	Anna is assigned a band duet with Weston, a boy who doesn't fit in the small town of Enfield. Anna falls in love, dating Weston behind her parents' backs despite her friends' objections. Just as her friends become more accepting of Weston, Anna's parents discover her lies and try to keep the couple apart. Through a series of events, Anna must deal with loss and moving forward after her first love. <i>Romance, Fiction</i>
<i>How Moon Fuentes Fell in Love with the Universe</i>	Gilliland, Raquel	Twin sisters Star (a religious model with social media status) and Moon Fuentes (size 16 and artist) are on a life-changing summer tour. Star, a religious purity model, is a wealthy influencer and Moon, her photographer, struggle with their strife and a summer tour that could change Moon's life. <i>Romance, Fiction</i>
<i>I Must Betray You</i>	Sepetys, Ruta	As Communist regimes are falling in Europe, Romanian dictator Nicolau Ceausescu is holding tight to his country through isolation and fear. When Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, he has two choices: betraying those he loves or certain death. <i>Historical Fiction, Spy Fiction</i>
<i>Letters to a Young Athlete</i>	Bosh, Chris	Chris Bosh's NBA career was cut short when doctors discovered a life-threatening blood disease. After learning to live in a world where his identity was no longer on the court, Bosh shares personal anecdotes and life lessons to encourage and inspire young people to boldly embrace the joys and struggles of life. <i>Autobiography, Sports, Inspiration, Non-Fiction</i>
<i>The Silence That Binds Us</i>	Ho, Joanna	When Maybelline's older brother commits suicide, she must learn to live without him. Returning to school she starts noticing the racism and struggles present around her. She learns to stand up and use her voice while discovering the truth of who her brother was and why he left her. <i>Fiction, Asian-American</i>
<i>The Weight of Blood</i>	Jackson, Tiffany D	Maddie is raised by her white father to hide her bi-racialness, until one day her secret gets out and the torment begins. As the bullying goes viral, students try to reverse the damage to the school's reputation by holding an interracial prom, separate from the school's whites only prom. From there, things spiral into horrors the town cannot ever imagine. <i>Fiction, Horror, Suspense</i>
<i>Tonight, We Rule the World</i>	Smedley, Zack	During the annual Senior Trip, Owen is sexually assaulted by a classmate. As the story unfolds, the reader learns who it was, the fallout as a result of the assault and what its like to be a bisexual male who is on the spectrum. <i>Fiction, Gay Fiction</i>
<i>We Can Be Heroes</i>	McCauley, Kyrie	A story of three friends, whose bond of friendship is strong enough to cross the boundaries of heaven, come together to fight against a small town gun company in order to bring justice to one of the girls who was killed in a school shooting. <i>Fiction, Ghosts</i>

Graphic Novel Choices:

Walker, David F, Marcus Kwame Anderson	<i>The Black Panther Party: A Graphic Novel History</i>
Stirling, Danie	<i>Crumbs</i>
Lorinczi, Balazs	<i>Doughnuts and Doom</i>
Axelrod, Jadzia, Jess Taylor	<i>Galaxy: The Prettiest Star</i>
Searle, Sarah Winifred	<i>The Greatest Thing</i>
Matsumoto, Naoya	<i>Kaiju No. 8, Volume 1</i>
Gao, Laura	<i>Messy Roots: A Graphic Memoir of a Wuhanese American</i>
Suzuki, Yuto	<i>Sakamoto Days, Volume 1</i>
Cantwell, Christopher, Josh Trujillo, Dale Eaglesham, Jan Balaldua	<i>The United States of Captain America</i>

Note: The choices listed above are from the Texas Library Association's 2023 book lists for high school students. More information can be found at txla.org under Tools and Resources – Reading Lists.