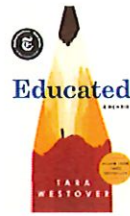


9th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

This year, all high school students will be participating in one whole-class read and one independent reading assignment of their choice. Our whole-level read will be Tara Westover's *Educated*. For an independent choice, students may select a text from the list below. There are a variety of genres and styles to suit individual tastes.



For *Educated*, please answer the following question in essay format: Westover's memoir has generated controversy over the truthfulness of her claims, with some claiming she exaggerated or even outright fabricated parts of her story. To what extent does the accuracy of the story she tells affect its impact on you? Does it matter if parts of it are made up or exaggerated, and why or why not? If parts of it are made up, how does this affect the overall message you believe Westover is trying to convey? Defend your answer **using evidence from the text.**

In addition, students will choose one book from the list attached to read and respond to the following questions in a paragraph of a minimum 150 words. Students will use their choice book to practice literary analysis writing in the first week of school, and answering these questions will prepare them for that.

1. The context of a writing can give us important information that can help us interpret the author's meaning and intentions. Research the context of your work and discuss the most important way you think it influenced the writing.
2. Character growth or change is something that we often expect and look for in our reading. In what ways do you see your protagonist grow and change throughout your novel?
3. Who tells the story is often as important, if not more so, than the events themselves. How does your narrator's perspective affect the story or your understanding of it? How might your story change if told from the point of view of another character?

9th Grade Reading List: Please choose from one of the books below. If you have an idea for a book to read that is not on the list, feel free to contact Ms. Parks or Ms. MacLennan.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

March: Book One by John Lewis

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

Dracula by Bram Stoker

The Turn of the Screw by Henry James

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

Watership Down by Richard Adams

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien