

Summer Reading

Suggested List

Grade 10 going into Grade 11



	Title and Author	Brief 'introduction' to the book
1.	<i>I, Robot</i> Issac Asimov	<p>The three laws of Robotics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm 2) A robot must obey orders given to it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law. 3) A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law. <p>With these three, simple directives, Isaac Asimov changed our perception of robots forever when he formulated the laws governing their behavior. In I, Robot, Asimov chronicles the development of the robot through a series of interlinked stories: from its primitive origins in the present to its ultimate perfection in the not-so-distant future--a future in which humanity itself may be rendered obsolete.</p>
2.	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> Arthur Conan Doyle	<p>Sir Henry Baskerville, a young man recently arrived from North America to take possession of the estate of his uncle, who's died suddenly, seeks the counsel and protection of Sherlock Holmes. The wealthy Sir Charles apparently died fleeing in terror from an unknown enemy; meanwhile, Sir Henry himself is receiving mysterious threats, perhaps related to a Baskerville family curse involving an innocent maiden, a reprobate</p>

		<p>ancestor, and a vengeful hound. Holmes, busy with other affairs, sends the faithful Dr. Watson to the country to keep watch over Sir Henry and send back reports, which are soon flowing with accounts of the gloomy moor and surroundings. Among the cast: Dr. Mortimer, the eccentric country practitioner; the enigmatic Barrymores, who have has been servants to the Baskervilles for generations; Stapleton and his ubiquitous butterfly net, not to mention his sister, who quickly becomes Sir Henry's romantic interest. Meanwhile a murderer has escaped from the nearby prison and is loose on the moor, spine-chilling howls are heard at night by sober men, and Watson and Sir Henry are more nervous than they care to admit. Surprise revelations and terrifying moments ensue before Holmes brings things to a generally safe conclusion.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i> James L. Swanson</p>	<p>NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author James Swanson delivers a riveting account of the chase for Abraham Lincoln's assassin.</p> <p>Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the manhunters, CHASING LINCOLN'S KILLER is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><i>Within Reach, Everest Story</i> Mark Pfetzer and Jack Galvin</p>	<p>In May 1996 the media scrambled to document the gripping story of sixteen-year-old Mark Pfetzer's expedition to Mount Everest. Not only was he the youngest climber ever to attempt the summit, he also witnessed the tragedy documented in Jon Krakauer's Into Thin Air, in which eight climbers perished in a sudden storm. Within Reach is Mark's extraordinary account of this experience and of his triumphs over several other challenging peaks. At once triumphant and tragic, this story will be an inspiration to climbers, athletes, and armchair enthusiasts alike.</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p><i>Tech Titans</i> Carla Killough McClafferty</p>	<p>COMPUTER GEEKS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD! This book contains the biographies of six men who have changed the way we work, play and socialize by making computers part of our daily lives.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><i>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and The Endurance</i> Jennifer Armstrong</p>	<p>In August 1914, Ernest Shackleton and 27 men sailed from England in an attempt to become the first team of explorers to cross Antarctica from one side to the other. Five months later and still 100 miles from land, their ship, Endurance, became trapped in ice. The expedition survived another five months camping on ice floes, followed by a perilous journey through stormy seas to remote and unvisited Elephant Island. In a dramatic climax to this amazing survival story, Shackleton and five others navigated 800 miles of treacherous open ocean in a 20-foot boat to fetch a rescue ship.</p> <p><i>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World</i> vividly recreates one of the most extraordinary adventure stories in history. Jennifer Armstrong narrates this unbelievable story with vigor, an eye for detail, and an appreciation of the marvelous leadership of Shackleton, who brought home every one of his men alive.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><i>Invisible Man</i> Ralph Ellison</p>	<p><i>Invisible Man</i> is one of those rare novels that have changed the shape of American literature. For not only does Ralph Ellison's nightmare journey across the racial divide tell unparalleled truths about the nature of bigotry and its effects on the minds of both victims and perpetrators, it gives us an entirely new model of what a novel can be.</p> <p>As he journeys from the Deep South to the streets and basements of Harlem, from a horrifying "battle royal" where black men are reduced to fighting animals, to a Communist rally where they are elevated to the status of trophies, Ralph Ellison's nameless protagonist ushers readers into a parallel universe that throws our own into harsh</p>

		and even hilarious relief. Suspenseful and sardonic, narrated in a voice that takes in the symphonic range of the American language, black and white, <i>Invisible Man</i> is one of the most audacious and dazzling novels of our century.
8.	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> L. M. Montgomery.	Everyone's favorite redhead, the spunky Anne Shirley, begins her adventures at Green Gables, a farm outside Avonlea, Prince Edward Island. When the freckled girl realizes that the elderly Cuthberts wanted to adopt a boy instead, she begins to try to win them and, consequently, the reader, over.
10.	<i>Cry the Beloved Country</i> Alan Paton	A deeply moving story about an African pastor and his family set against white South Africa during the time of racial injustice. It is a work of sorrow, happiness, courage, and strength.
11.	<i>My Sister's Keeper</i> Jodi Picoult	Jodi Picoult is widely acclaimed for her keen insights into the hearts and minds of real people. Now she tells the emotionally riveting story of a family torn apart by conflicting needs and a passionate love that triumphs over human weakness. Anna is not sick, but she might as well be. By age thirteen, she has undergone countless surgeries, transfusions, and shots so that her older sister, Kate, can somehow fight the leukemia that has plagued her since childhood. The product of pre-implantation genetic diagnosis, Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match for Kate -- a life and a role that she has never challenged...until now. Like most teenagers, Anna is beginning to question who she truly is. But unlike most teenagers, she has always been defined in terms of her sister -- and so Anna makes a decision that for most would be unthinkable, a decision that will tear her family apart and have perhaps fatal consequences for the sister she loves.
12.	<i>And the Mountains Echoed</i> Khaled Hosseini	An unforgettable novel about finding a lost piece of yourself in someone else. A new novel about how we love, how we take care of one another,

		and how the choices we make resonate through generations. In this tale revolving around not just parents and children but brothers and sisters, cousins and caretakers, Hosseini explores the many ways in which families nurture, wound, betray, honor, and sacrifice for one another; and how often we are surprised by the actions of those closest to us, at the times that matter most. Following its characters and the ramifications of their lives and choices and loves around the globe—from Kabul to Paris to San Francisco to the Greek island of Tinos—the story expands gradually outward, becoming more emotionally complex and powerful with each turning page.
13.	<i>Silent Spring</i> Rachel Carson	Ms. Carson was a pioneer in the field of environmental science. Certainly she made the greatest single impact in science that the world has ever known. The irony of the story is she died from the very same problem she was trying to prevent for people of the world.

Some of you may not want to read a novel, but rather choose a selection (at least THREE) of these speeches. These come from the list of texts used in the new SAT exams, so it could be a good idea to become familiar with them now!

George Washington

1. [George Washington's Farewell Address](#)

Abraham Lincoln

2. [Gettysburg Address \(Lincoln Memorial Version\)](#)
3. [Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address](#)
4. [The Papers and Writings of Abraham Lincoln](#)

Franklin D. Roosevelt



5. [Franklin D. Roosevelt's First Inaugural Address](#)
6. [Franklin D. Roosevelt's Eighth State of the Union Address \(The Four Freedoms\)](#)

Dwight Eisenhower

7. [Eisenhower's Farewell Address \(Military Industrial Complex\)](#)

John F. Kennedy

8. [John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address](#)

Lyndon B. Johnson

9. [Lyndon B. Johnson's Farewell Address](#)

Ronald Reagan

10. [Ronald Reagan's Berlin Wall Speech](#)