



## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading 2019

**Your summer reading assignment this year is to READ. That's all. Just read.**

★ Optional: You can journal, book club, tweet, talk, and/or draw about these books. But really we just want you to read.

★ Below we're giving you a list of favorites from your different English teachers to help you choose. Also know that you can come to any of us before the summer starts to set goals around your summer reading.

### **The WHYs of Summer Reading:**

★ There is lots of research that shows that **every student who does not read over the summer will lose reading growth** . Period. (Check out this Time magazine article stating that "reading just four or five books can ward off setbacks in language skills. " <http://ideas.time.com/2013/07/01/do-kids-really-have-summer-learning-loss/>

★ Summer reading helps you retain the skills that you've gained so far in high school, and help you come back in August prepared to jump right into class and discussions.

★ Research also shows that people who read gain great benefits, such as lower stress levels, higher degrees of empathy & cultural awareness, and are able to sleep better. Summer reading is just another way to make your summer break THAT much more relaxing.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade English Reading Suggestions:

1. The Giver by Lois Lowry
2. Ishmael by Daniel Quinn
3. The Lying Days by Nadine Gordimer
4. Love Medicine by Louise Erdrich
5. Brooklyn by Colm Toibin
6. Anthills of the Savannah by Chinua Achebe
7. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (+ the rest of the The Time Quartet)
8. The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman (+ the rest of the His Dark Materials trilogy)
9. Paddle your own Canoe by Nick Offerman
10. Epic read: East of Eden by John Steinbeck

