

**FORM II SUMMER READING LIST
2010**

Directions: Please read **four** books from this list over the summer. Warriors Don't Cry is required, and you must choose three other books. No more than two books may be from the same category.

All-form book, required for all incoming Form II students

Beals, Melba Patillo

Warriors Don't Cry*

ISBN 978-1-4169-4882-7

Please make sure you have this edition of the book so that we can refer to specific page numbers in class.

Melba was twelve years old the day the Supreme Court of the United States of America ruled on *Brown v. Board of Education*, the day her life was changed. Four years later, she found herself fighting for the right to integrate Little Rock's Central High School – and for her life.

Cassie Dickson

More About the Fight for Civil Rights in the United States

Crowe, Chris

Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case (NON-FICTION)

Emmett Till was a fourteen year old African-American boy from Chicago who traveled to Mississippi in the summer of 1955 to spend time with relatives. Responding to a dare from his friends, he supposedly talked to a white woman in a store. A few days later, his mutilated body was found in a river.

Ms. Banwell

Draper, Sharon

Fire from the Rock (FICTION)

Sylvia Patterson's life suddenly changes with the integration of Little Rock's Central High in 1957 when she is selected to be one of the first black students to attend the previously all white school.**

Hansberry, Lorraine

A Raisin in the Sun (FICTION)

Pulitzer Prize winner

New York Drama Critics Circle Award winner

This is a play that shows what life was like for an African-American family in Chicago in the 1950s. They live through hard times, but Mama has a plan to make things better.

Kennedy Randall

Hoose, Phillip

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice (NON-FICTION)

National Book Award winner, Robert F. Sibert Honor Book, Newbery Honor Book, YALSA-ALA Excellence in Young Adult Non-fiction finalist

Nine months before Rosa Parks, fifteen year old Claudette Colvin refused to give her seat on a public bus to a white person. Police officers dragged her off the bus and locked her in jail. When she was released, her friends shunned her. Community leaders called her “emotional” and ignored her. Despite all of this, Claudette was still brave enough to be one of the four plaintiffs in the *Browder v. Gayle* busing case that ended segregated public transportation in Montgomery, Alabama.

Ms. Banwell

Moody, Anne

Coming of Age in Mississippi*(NON-FICTION)

Written without a trace of sentimentality or apology, this is an unforgettable personal story - the truth as a remarkable young woman named Anne Moody lived it. To read her book is to know what it is to have grown up black in Mississippi in the forties and fifties - and to have survived with pride and courage intact, In this now classic autobiography, she details the sights, smells, and suffering of growing up in a racist society and candidly reveals the soul of the black girl who had the courage to challenge it. The result is a touchstone work: an accurate, authoritative portrait of black family life in the rural South and a moving account of a woman's indomitable heart.

From: amazon.com

Classics

Achebe, Chinua

Things Fall Apart

Okonkwo is a wealthy and honored warrior of the Umuofia clan, a Nigerian tribe that is part of a cartel of nine connected villages. He continually attempts to prove that he is a better man than his weak and lazy father. When the white missionaries come to spread their religion, Okonkwo will need to choose brain over brawn to protect all that he loves.

Tevin Mickens

Dickens, Charles

A Tale of Two Cities

During the time of the French Revolution, Lucie Manette discovers that she is not an orphan. Her father is alive and has been released from prison after eighteen years. Lucie helps her father overcome his depression and marries Darnay. Only Lucie's father can help Darnay, whose life is threatened.

Pooja Penninti

Du Maurier, Daphne

Rebecca

Not long after marrying Maxim de Winter, his new wife decides that he still loves the first Mrs. de Winter, whose death seems very mysterious. One day the second Mrs. de Winter discovers both a lie and the truth about the first Mrs. de Winter.

Katie Mino

Mitchell, Margaret

Gone with the Wind

Scarlett O'Hara is a real Southern belle. The Civil War ends traditional life for Southern plantation owners. Many cannot adapt to these changes, but Scarlett is stronger and smarter than anyone around her.

Ms. Banwell

Remarque, Erich Maria

All Quiet on the Western Front

Paul Baumer is an average eighteen year old boy in Germany who loves his country. This all changes, however, when he enlists in the army during World War I. He endures many grueling experiences in the trenches, helping to defend Germany from the Allied forces.

Harris Samad

Tolkien, J.R.R.

The Hobbit

This is the adventure of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, in a land inhabited by dwarfs, elves, goblins, dragons, and humans. He sets off to recover a stolen treasure from the great dragon Smaug, the terror of an entire countryside.**

Fantasy

Adams, Richard

Watership Down

Fiver, Hazel, and Bigwig live in a small rabbit warren. When Fiver suspects something dangerous is about to happen, Hazel and Bigwig lead their followers to find a safer place to live. On their journey they encounter hostile rabbits, wild dogs, and deep rivers. They learn that they have not undertaken an easy task.

Berk Alper

Eddings, David

Belgariad: Book One (Pawn of Prophecy)

Garion's life is a simple one. His life is peaceful and enjoyable until that day when an old man takes him, his aunt, and the smith on a journey beyond his imagination.

Cam Dively

Garcia, Kami and Margaret Stohl

Beautiful Creatures

Amazon.com Best Books of 2009

When Lena moves to the small town of Gatlin, Ethan's whole life changes. Ethan has always been struggling to get out of Gatlin, but now he is finding that he wants to stay. Ethan is drawn to Lena but she keeps pushing him away because she has a big secret. Lena is a Caster and she is struggling with a curse that has been put on her family. Beautiful Creatures is an exciting book filled with magic, romance and adventure.

Sophie Wecht

Marchetta, Melina

Finnikin of the Rock

winner of the Australian Aurealis Award

Finnikin's world lies in ruins. The royal family has been murdered; an imposter is on the throne; Lumatere is cursed; exiles die in huge numbers. Then, he hears that Balthazar, the true heir to the throne, is still alive. He joins Evanjalín on a quest to find Balthazar. What he finds, instead, is quite unexpected.

Ms. Banwell

Riordan, Rick

The Red Pyramid

Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.**

Stiefvater, Maggie

Shiver

Grace has a wolf outside her house that watches her. The wolf turns into a human after being shot, and Grace and Sam have to find a way to keep Sam human forever.

Madison Mordoh

General Fiction

Courtenay, Bruce

The Power of One

While on a train back from his boarding school in South Africa, Peekay meets Hoppie Groenwold, a boxer. Hoppie tells Peekay that he will be welterweight champion of the world one day. On his quest to achieve this, Peekay forges many amazing friendships that he will remember for the rest of his life.

Alex Gottlieb

Ellsworth, Loretta

In Search of Mockingbird

On the eve of her sixteenth birthday, Erin receives her long-dead mother's diary, which reveals that she, too, revered Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird and wanted to be a writer. Erin impulsively decides to take the Greyhound bus from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Monroeville, Alabama, to visit the reclusive author.**

Keyes, Daniel

Flowers for Algernon

Charlie Gordon, a mentally challenged man, undergoes an experimental procedure designed to increase his intelligence drastically. He is amazed how differently people treat him as his I.Q. rises. Sadly, Algernon, the mouse upon whom the same operation was performed, dies. Charlie hopes that he, too, will not suffer the same terrible fate.

Shaun Gohel

McCormick, Patricia

Purple Heart*

This is a different kind of Iraq war story. Matt Duffy is hurt in battle and spends time in a military hospital. Throughout his stay at the hospital, he wonders how he got hurt.

Jeff Betzler

Peet, Mal

Exposure

A poor Brazilian boy struggles to keep his sister alive and safe. Meanwhile, a soccer superstar struggles with his fame and fortune. Complications begin when these two worlds collide.

Evan Brazinski

Sonnenblick, Jordan

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie

Steven is a typical thirteen year old. He has a crush on a very pretty girl at school; he loves to play the drums; his younger brother always bothers him. Then Jeffrey is diagnosed with cancer, and Steven must help his family cope with their financial and emotional problems.

Summerlee Allen

Historical Fiction

Carter, Noni

Good Fortune

Ayanna is kidnapped in Africa and sold as a slave in America and becomes Anna. She runs away and eventually finds peace. Not only that, she is reunited with John, the man she loves.

Noni Carter, the author, is an eighteen year old student at Harvard University. She began writing this book in middle school and wove family stories into the plot.

Ms. Banwell

Forbes, Esther

Johnny Tremain

Newbery Prize winner

A story filled with danger and excitement, *Johnny Tremain* tells of the turbulent, passionate times in Boston just before the Revolutionary War. Johnny, a young apprentice silversmith, is caught up in a dramatic involvement with James Otis, John Hancock, and John and Samuel Adams in the exciting currents and undercurrents that were to lead to the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington -- and finally, a touching resolution of Johnny's personal life.

Johnny Tremain is a historical fiction at its best, portraying Revolutionary Boston as a living drama, through the shrewd eyes of an observant boy.

From: Yearling Newbery Series

Forester, C.S.

Mr. Midshipman Hornblower

Horatio Hornblower joins the English navy during the Napoleonic wars and uses his training and quick thinking to survive the dangers of naval warfare.

William Dively

Sheth, Kasmira

Keeping Corner

Parents' Choice Gold Winner

"This powerful and enchanting novel juxtaposes Leela's journey to self-determination with the parallel struggle of her family and community to follow Gandhi on the road to independence from British rule. Among the vivid and appealing characters is India itself."

From: Starred Review, Kirkus

Zusak, Markus

The Book Thief

Liesel Meminger's life changes when she steals her first book at her brother's graveside. She is sent to live with a foster family where she learns to read. Liesel's world soon turns dark when her foster family hides a Jew in the basement.

Apoorva Annamraju

Memoir and Biography

Barakat, Ibtisam

Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood

American Library Association Notable Children's Books; IRA Children's Book Award; IRA Notable Books for a Global Society; IRA Teachers' Choices; Books for the Teen Age, New York Public Library; Arab American National Museum Book Award - Winner; Middle East Book Award - Winner; NCSS-CBC Notable Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies; Booklinks Lasting Connection; Kirkus Reviews Editor's Choice; School Library Journal Best Books of the Year

In this groundbreaking memoir set in Ramallah during the aftermath of the 1967 Six-Day War, Ibtisam Barakat captures what it is like to be a child whose world is shattered by war. With candor and courage, she stitches together memories of her childhood: fear and confusion as bombs explode near her home and she is separated from her family; the harshness of life as a Palestinian refugee; her unexpected joy when she discovers Alef, the first letter of the Arabic alphabet. This is the beginning of her passionate connection to words, and as language becomes her refuge, allowing her to piece together the fragments of her world, it becomes her true home. Transcending the particulars of politics, this illuminating and timely book provides a telling glimpse into a little-known culture that has become an increasingly important part of the puzzle of world peace.

From: www.macmillan.com

Frank, Anne

The Diary of Anne Frank

Anne is a young Jewish girl when World War II starts. She and her family must go into hiding, and there are many horrible obstacles to endure. During this time there are also relationships formed, despite the raging war occurring just outside the walls of the Secret Annex.

Elizabeth Herrington

Dawson, George and Richard Glaubman

Life is so Good

George Dawson is a 104 year old African-American man who learned to read when he was ninety-eight. He lived through the major events of the last century and through segregation. He looks at his adventures through his wise old eyes.

Doug Boyle

Kamkwamba, William and Bryan Mealer

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

William lives in a poor African village with no electricity. He picks up some science books donated to a library and learns how to harness the wind. In doing so, he provides his whole village with electricity and changes their world.

Morgan Dively

Shields, Charles J.

I am Scout: The Biography of Harper Lee

This book gives details about Harper Lee's childhood and life. Anyone who has read or plans to read To Kill a Mockingbird will appreciate this glimpse into the life of its fascinating and very shy author.

Amber Shergill

Mystery and Adventure

Christie, Agatha

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

Poirot is called to upon to investigate the murder of Roger Ackroyd, a man with an intriguing story. He'd been courting Mrs Ferrars, a wealthy widow, who had recently died of a suspected suicide by overdose. To solve the murder of Roger Ackroyd, Poirot realises he must delve deeper into the circumstances surrounding Mrs Ferrars' demise.

From: www.agathachristie.com

Dowd, Siobhan

The London Eye Mystery

Cybil Award for Middle Grade Fiction

Brother and sister, Ted and Kat, take their cousin Salim to see the London Eye, the city's gigantic Ferris wheel. While Ted and Kat watch, Salim gets into one of the glass pods, but thirty minutes later he doesn't get off. So the siblings set out to find their cousin. Complicating the situation, Ted's brain "runs on a different operating system" from other people's, which makes him a lot better at facts and figures than he is at reading people. Narrated in Ted's voice, this is a page-turner that brings London to life and takes readers inside a powerfully rational mind. The London and Kat work to solve the irresistible riddle of their cousin's disappearance.

From: www.goodreads.com

Fforde, Jasper

The Fourth Bear

Jack Spratt has been placed on mental health leave. Regardless, he soon begins investigating the disappearance of Goldilocks. Then, the murderous Gingerbread Man escapes, and Jack believes these two situations are connected. As he searches, Jack learns both the secret of the Gingerbread Man and the truth behind Goldilocks' story.

Frank Crisanti

Grisham, John

Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer

...Though he's only thirteen years old... Theo Boone finds himself in court. Because he knows so much--maybe too much--he is suddenly dragged into the middle of a sensational murder trial. A cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and only Theo knows the truth.

From: theodoreboone.com

Pearson, Ridley

Steel Trap: The Challenge

In this riveting crime novel, 14-year-old Steven "Steel" Trapp sets off with his mom and their dog, Cairo, on a 2-day Amtrak journey to compete in the National Science Competition in Washington, DC. Steel is both blessed and cursed with a remarkable photographic memory—just one look and whatever he sees is imprinted for keeps. Trying to be a good Samaritan on the train, he instead becomes embroiled in an ingenious plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists...

Federal agents track Steel and his new-found science geek accomplice, Kaileigh Augustine, as they attempt to put together the pieces of a complex puzzle. Using Steel's science contest invention—and with the help of Cairo—Steel and Kaileigh lead readers on an action-packed chase adventure as they attempt to prevent the unimaginable, before it's too late.

From:www.ridleypearson.com

Non-fiction

Algeo, Matthew

Last Team Standing: How the Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers – the “Steagles” – Saved Pro Football during World War II

During World War II, so many young men were drafted into the military that the National Football League had a shortage of players. The League released one team and combined two others. When the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Philadelphia Eagles merged, the Steagles were born.

Dennis Briggs

Haerens, Margaret

Offshore Drilling (Opposing Viewpoints)

Publication Date: May 28, 2010

The recent oil spill into the Gulf of Mexico has brought the question of drilling into the news. This book claims to give both sides of the issue to young adult readers. I am looking forward to reading it and learning more about this complicated subject.

Ms. Banwell

Pollan, Michael

The Omnivore's Dilemma for Kids

The Omnivore's Dilemma for Kids is separated into four sections: The Industrial Meal, "The Industrial Organic Meal," "Local Sustainable," and the "Do-It-Yourself Meal." All four represent the four different food chains that produce the food we eat. In each chapter, Pollan educates the reader on the origin of each of the four food chain's most common foods and how it came to journey from farm to your plate. The end results are four meals, each comprised of the food made, produced or grown from the respective food chain source.

From: www.dietsinreview.com

Schwartz, John

Short: Walking Tall When You're Not Tall at All

Part science book, part memoir—a book for everyone concerned about looking (or feeling) different.

When veteran journalist John Schwartz took a close look at famous height studies, he made a surprising discovery: being short doesn't have to be a disadvantage! Part advice book, part memoir, and part science primer, this fascinating book explores the marketing, psychology, and mythology behind our obsession with height and delivers a reassuring message to kids of all types that they can walk tall—whatever it is that makes them different.

JOHN SCHWARTZ is a reporter for The New York Times. He lives in New Jersey, and has a wife and three kids. He's shorter than all of them.

From: www.barnesandnoble.com

Science Fiction

Adams, Douglas

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Arthur Dent and Ford Prefect escaped from Earth just before it was destroyed. Now they must find out who destroyed their home planet and why. They also try to unravel some of the mysteries of the universe.

Josh Tobin

Bradbury, Ray

Fahrenheit 451

Guy Montag is a fireman in the future who starts fires rather than stops them. He burns books and other things until Clarisse tells him about books, reading, and the past. Montag realizes that he must stop burning books and do the right thing.

Zeke Rosenbloom

Card, Orson Scott

Ender's Game

When Andrew Wiggin is born, Earth is still worried about the Buggers, a race of insect-like aliens that attacked seventy years before. Andrew is nicknamed Ender, and when he is considered worthy, he goes to battle school.

William Teplitz

Doctorow, Cory

For the Win*

In the virtual future, you must organize to survive

At any hour of the day or night, millions of people around the globe are engrossed in multiplayer online games, questing and battling to win virtual “gold,” jewels, and precious artifacts. Meanwhile, others seek to exploit this vast shadow economy, running electronic sweatshops in the world’s poorest countries, where countless “gold farmers,” bound to their work by abusive contracts and physical threats, harvest virtual treasure for their employers to sell to First World gamers who are willing to spend real money to skip straight to higher-level gameplay.

Mala is a brilliant 15-year-old from rural India whose leadership skills in virtual combat have earned her the title of “General Robotwalla.” In Shenzhen, heart of China’s industrial boom, Matthew is defying his former bosses to build his own successful gold-farming team. Leonard, who calls himself Wei-Dong, lives in Southern California, but spends his nights fighting virtual battles alongside his buddies in Asia, a world away... The ruthless forces arrayed against them are willing to use any means to protect their power—including blackmail, extortion, infiltration, violence, and even murder. To survive, Big Sister’s people must out-think the system.

From:www.amazon.com

Goodman, Allegra

The Other Side of the Island

When Honor moves to Island 365, she quickly adapts to Earth Mother’s rules for the colonies. Life seems perfect until her parents start sneaking out at night past curfew and then mysteriously disappear one day. With the help of a friend, Honor slowly uncovers the truth of where those who fail to fit in are sent.

Sam Toshok

Hot – or Still Quite Warm – Off The Press!

Bacigalupi, Paolo

Ship Breaker*

In America's Gulf Coast region, where grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts, Nailer, a teenage boy, works the light crew, scavenging for copper wiring just to make quota--and hopefully live to see another day. But when, by luck or chance, he discovers an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, Nailer faces the most important decision of his life: Strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor, a beautiful and wealthy girl who could lead him to a better life. . . .

In this powerful novel, award-winning author Paolo Bacigalupi delivers a thrilling, fast-paced adventure set in a vivid and raw, uncertain future.

From:www.powells.com

Collins, Suzanne

Mockingjay

The third –and final- book in the *Hunger Games* series will be out on August 24th!

Dashner, James

The Maze Runner

Right. Right. Left. *Must remember* Left. Right. Left. *Must find it* Left. Right. Right. *For Chuck* Right. *For Theresa* Left. *For The Glade* Left. *This run* Right. *My last* Right. *One wrong turn* Left. *Costs lives* Right. *Can't slip up* Left. *Can't slow down* Left. *Ever* Right. Right. *I must remember! I must find it! We must live!* Left. *Uh-oh...Grievors.* One wrong turn, one mistake, costs lives.

Sean Jewart

Forman, Gayle

If I Stay

Mia has a great life, a sweet boyfriend, a loving family, and a passion for music. One snowy day, she and her family takes a drive, and, suddenly, Mia's perfect life is not so perfect any longer. This book changed me as a reader, and you should let it change you, too.

Abigail Spear

Muchamore, Robert

Cherub Mission 1: The Recruit*

James Choke is a twelve year old boy living in London, England. When his mother dies, he lives in an orphanage. After he is there for a while, he moves to a young spy camp and lives there. The spy camp is called C.H.E.R.U.B.

Andy Brill

Patterson, James

Witch and Wizard

Terror takes control of Wisty and her brother Whit's lives. They find out that the lives they think they lead are total lies. The two are not normal and are outlawed from society, captured, and tortured. Wisty and Whit fight for their lives, using their magic.

Dan Marous

Sachar, Louis

The Cardturner

Alton Richard's parents make him drive his old, blind, and very rich great-uncle to his bridge games several times a week. He also has to be his card-turner, whatever that is. Alton guesses that his parents are interested in his great-uncle's money, but so are Great Uncle Lester's housekeeper, his nurse, and the crazy Castaneda family. Alton soon learns to like bridge, his uncle, and the pretty Castaneda girl.

This book pulls the reader in much as Holes did. By the time it's over, we learn a lot about life, what we think we know, and what really matters.

Ms. Banwell

Ziegler, Jennifer

How Not to be Popular

Maggie is a teenage girl who has moved around her whole life. She has never had a friend for more than a year because of this. When she and her parents move to Austin, Texas, she decides to change herself. She acts as crazy as she can to avoid making friends, but she learns that doing this is harder than she thinks. This book is funny and amusing to read. I love it!

Jane Sheerer

*may contain mature language or situations

**This book description comes from the Middle School Library catalogue.