

English II Gifted Summer Reading  
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This form is available on [Captainshreve.com](http://Captainshreve.com) if you would like an electronic copy. I hope you enjoy your summer reading. Please bring your book and your completed assignments on the first day of school. Save any typed assignments in Google Docs or in another electronic format for easy upload to [turnitin.com](http://turnitin.com) after school starts.

**1. School-wide summer reading: Check [Captainshreve.com](http://Captainshreve.com)**

**View, read, or listen** using the options provided in the information about our school-wide summer reading program. [Hidden Figures & Growth Mindset Resources for Students & Parents](#)

**2. Student Choice Novel**

1. **Pick your novel and read it!** Select your book from the list attached in this document. Please read the descriptions to find a book that is appropriate for you. You need a physical copy of your book. Feel free to write little summaries at the end of chapters to help you remember the book vividly. We will use the books during the first weeks of school in our lessons.
2. **Research**
  - a. Research a component of, or concept from, your novel. Make sure you keep track of your sources. Put the information you learn together into a visual format (chart, illustration, Slides, Prezi, etc.). Use at least 3 sources. Your sources can be other texts that explore the issue, articles, medical research, YouTube videos, etc. Captain Shreve High School uses MLA to credit research. You can find information about how to make a work cited page and how to cite your sources at the [OWL \(online writing lab\) at Purdue](#).
3. **Create 2** of these options. These choices are intended to be informal writings that provide you an opportunity to be creative. You should use **only** your novel as a resource to complete these assignments.
  - a. Write the first 4 paragraphs for a sequel to this book **and** provide an outline or illustrate a storyboard to detail what you believe should happen in the rest of the book.
  - b. Create a diorama of the setting of your novel.
  - c. Use pictures from magazines and newspapers to create a collage (that fills a posterboard your choice of size) that depicts 5 major themes of this novel. Themes are lessons learned by the reader. (citations **not** needed for these resources). Identify the themes on the back of your poster.
  - d. Create a #bookbento for your book. Click [here](#) for instructions.
  - e. Create a new book cover for this novel. Do not recreate an already existing cover. Include recommendations and insights about the reading on the back, a blurb about the book and the author on the inside flaps, and original artwork on the front.
  - f. Write a song or poem of at least 20 lines that could function as a "soundtrack" song for the novel. The song or poem should reflect a theme, character development, setting, mood, etc. of the novel.
4. **Write-** Use your choice novel, and as you read, outline the following elements on a Google document in MLA format. The link to help you set up your MLA documents is provided in the resources below.

- a. Identify the main characters. Describe them physically and characterize their personality. Identify what motivates them in the story.
- b. Identify the main themes of the novel. Explain how these themes unfold throughout the story.
- c. Choose 5 memorable quotes and explain how they relate to the major themes of the novel. Be sure to cite the page number.
- d. Create a higher order thinking question for your novel. This is a question that cannot be answered with a simple yes or no and needs to be discussed. Be sure to answer your question using evidence from the novel.

## Student Choice Novel List

Please choose a novel that is appropriate for you. Please review this list with your parents or guardian. Many of these are available at Shreve Memorial Library.

### 1. **The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver**

A girl leaves behind her hometown and her own name in search of new life and identity. She does not want the life of her typical peers. On her journey, Taylor finds her identity, finds family, and risks everything to protect the ones she loves.

### 2. **Dry by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman**

A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive.

### 3. **Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka**

Jarrett goes through his childhood trying to make his non-normal life as normal as possible, expressing himself through drawing even as so little is being said to him about what's going on.

### 4. **Highly Illogical Behavior by John Corey Whaley**

From Amazon.com--Sixteen-year-old Solomon is agoraphobic. He hasn't left the house in three years, which is fine by him. Ambitious Lisa desperately wants to get into the second-best psychology program for college (she's being realistic). But how can she prove she deserves a spot there? Solomon is the answer

### 5. **Holding up the Universe by Jennifer Niven**

From Amazon: From the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *All the Bright Places* comes a heart-wrenching story about what it means to see someone—and love someone—for who they truly are.

### 6. **Pride by Ibi Zoboi**

Zuri Benitez has pride. Brooklyn pride, family pride, and pride in her Afro-Latino roots. But pride might not be enough to save her rapidly gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable.

### 7. **Sadie by Courtney Summer**

Told from the alternating perspectives of nineteen-year-old Sadie who runs away from her isolated small Colorado town to find her younger sister's killer, and a true crime podcast exploring Sadie's disappearance.

### 8. **The Summer of Jordi Perez (And the Best Burger in Los Angeles) by Amy Spalding**

Plus-size, never-been-kissed, fashion blogger Abby lands a dream job at her favorite Los Angeles boutique, and enters into an opposites-attract summer romance with a fellow intern. Abby's summer-before-senior year adventures also include helping her friend Jax rate burger joints for Jax's dad's new app, a welcome break from her mother's famous health food blog.

### 9. **You Bring the Distant Near by Mitali Perkins**

From Amazon: Five girls. Three generations. One great American love story. *You Bring the Distant Near* explores sisterhood, first loves, friendship, and the inheritance of culture--for better or worse. Raneer, worried that her children are losing their Indian culture; Sonia, wrapped up in a forbidden biracial love affair; Tara, seeking the limelight to hide her true self; Shanti, desperately trying to make peace in the family; Anna, fighting to preserve Bengal tigers and her Bengali identity--award-winning author Mitali Perkins weaves together a sweeping story of five women at once intimately relatable and yet entirely new.

## Resource List

### #BookBento resource:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RdJdBbBvADdAdXNGW2-E\\_UU7RLbZ1-8kAfqdl9XfKng/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RdJdBbBvADdAdXNGW2-E_UU7RLbZ1-8kAfqdl9XfKng/edit?usp=sharing)

### Captain Shreve High School's School-Wide Summer Reading:

<https://wakelet.com/wake/uG4GaALRfqYqdEMAZsHbp>

### Karamales's Summer-Brain Solution Wakelet: Visit this Wakelet to find links to summer

reading resources, apps to increase your brain power, books my students recommend, and other awesome summertime things to keep your brain active and healthy!

<https://wke.lt/w/s/1NMcoE>

"MLA Formatting and Style Guide." *The Purdue OWL*, Purdue U Writing Lab. Accessed 2 March 2020.

[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/mla\\_style/mla\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/mla\\_general\\_format.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html)