



# HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2019 GOMPERS PREPARATORY ACADEMY,

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Summer reading is **always** at the forefront of summer activities for students. Go ahead, get a job, an internship, hang out with friends and family. But read, read, read, every day!

One benefit of summer reading is you choose what to read. Also, you can slow down your reading, process what you've read, and talk about it with a friend or family member. Try out different genres, and practice reading at your own pace.

Colleges will ask what you've read independently. A good novel, or well-written narrative, non-fiction article can be the subject of a college or test essay. And you'll be ahead of the game because you're reading outside of school!

Summer is a time to explore new ideas and topics, take risks reading about people and places foreign to you, and pushing yourself to read more challenging text, be it a book, magazine, online article, or unfamiliar genres.

“You can’t be what you can’t see.”  
-Marian Wright Edelman

Reading will help you “see!” I guarantee it! The tips, titles and authors here are just the beginning for you to “see” different people, places, time periods, exposure to new ideas, and more through reading.

**MORE TO COME! HAPPY SUMMER READING!**



**TIPS FOR FINDING READS JUST FOR YOU**



- Find an author you like, read their website/blog for more titles.
- Identify a new interest, curiosity, topic you need to know/should know about. ASK: What do I care/worry/wonder about? What do I fear? What do I want to know more about? Google your responses.
- Google:  
*High School Summer Reading*

*College Freshman Reads*  
*High School Reading Series*  
*High School Graphic Novel*  
*Goodreads*

- Talk to friends
- Practice reading new genres - memoirs, narrative nonfiction, dystopian novels, realistic fiction, historical fiction, short stories, essays, Google genres for a plethora of choices.
- Ask a librarian.
- Visit a bookstore.
- Read books made into movies. Watch the movie!
- Read magazines, newspapers, and articles on and off line.

## **AUTHOR SUGGESTIONS**



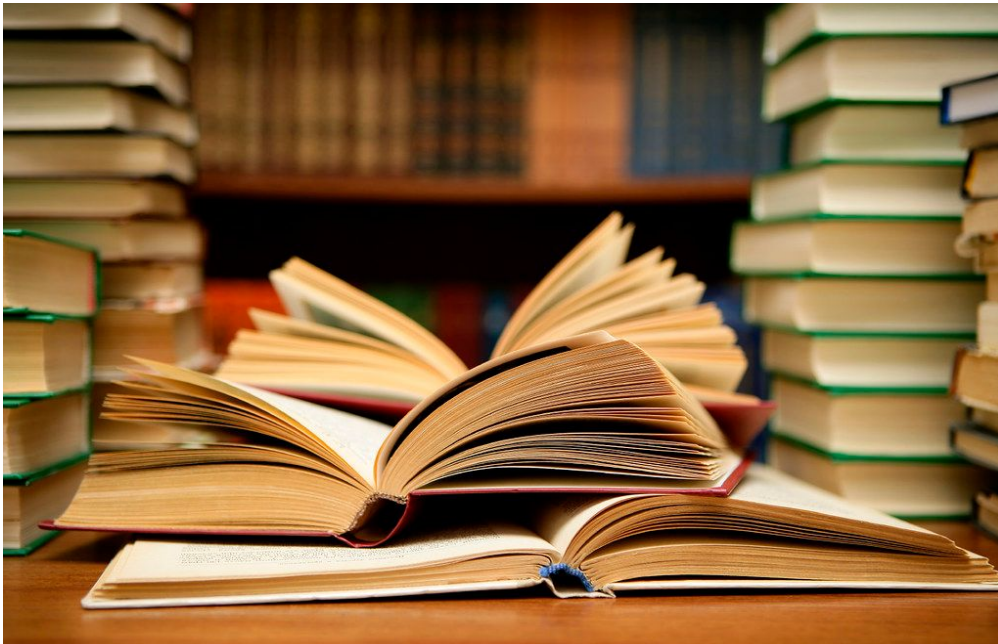
### **Authors**

#### **Up and Coming, Newish, Old Guard**

Elizabeth Acevedo  
Samura Ahmed  
Kwame Alexander  
Rudolfo Anaya

James Baldwin  
Sandra Cisneros  
Ta-Nehisi Coates  
Roald Dahl  
Matt De La Pena  
Jon Krakauer  
Grace Lin  
Lois Lowry  
Jason Reynolds  
David Sedaris  
John Steinbeck  
Maggie Stiefavter  
Jacqueline Woodson

**TITLE SUGGESTIONS**



**Titles**

**Some Old, Some New, Various Genres**

Tales of Two Americas: Stories of Inequality in a Divided Nation, edited by  
John Freeman

The Color Purple, Alice Walker

A contemporary classic of perseverance and love.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou

Abuse, poverty and racism didn't keep a good woman down. Maya Angelou's first book in a series chronicling her life.

The Book of Unknown Americans, Cristina Henriquez

A Wolf Called Wonder, Rosanne Parry

World Made By Hand, James Howard Kunstler

What contribution could you make in a world where life as you knew it was destroyed?

There, There, Tommy Orange

American Born Chinese, Gene Luan Yang

Award winning graphic novel about how different people find common ground.

Never Again: A New Generation Draws the Line, David Hogg, Lauren Hogg

A brother and sister survived the Parkland school shootings and helped create a student movement to change gun laws.

I Should Have Honor: A Memoir of Hope & Pride in Pakistan, Khalida Brohi

Barrio Boy, Ernesto Galarza

Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Addition, Illustrated by David Polonsky

My Antonia, Willa Cather

Dragon Chica, May-lee Chai



How I Resist: Activism and Hope for a New Generation, edited by Maureen Johnson

Two and three page personal stories and interviews by people who fight for justice.

### **BOOKS INCOMING COLLEGE FRESHMEN READ**

Incoming college freshmen frequently receive a book list from their respective college or university. Here are titles some colleges selected for summer reading.



And the Earth Did Not Devour Him, Tomas Rivera

Rivera's memoir details his experience as the son of migrant farm workers.

Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up in Iran, Firoozeh Dumas

The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America, Thomas King

Bad Feminist, Roxanne Gay

Essays that are "...a sharp funny and spot-on-look at the ways in which the culture we consume becomes who we are..."

Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic, Alison Bechdel

The Sympathizer, Viet Thanh Nguyen

Undercover agent for the Viet Cong **and** a General's assistant in the South Vietnamese Army becomes a refugee in the U.S. after the war.

The Best We Could Do, Thi Gui

This graphic memoir is the story of Bui's family before, during, and after the Vietnam War.

The Hate You Give, Angie Thomas

The novel depicts a black 16 years old girl who becomes an activist after her unarmed friend is fatally shot by police.

Why We Can't Wait, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Educated: A Memoir, Tara Westover

Johnny Got His Gun, Dalton Trumbo

Maimed World War I veteran attempts to cope with his horrific injuries.