

2018 Summer Reading assignment for students entering grade 11

Directions: Choose ANY TWO of the 18 sources to read, to listen, or to watch. Then, complete the reading response sheet. Summer reading will count 5% of your first quarter grade in English class.

GRADE 11: Crime

1. [Tampa Bay: Why Police Shoot](#) (Article-Click on link)
2. [Common Lit: Do Juveniles Killers Deserve Life Behind Bars?](#) (Article-Click on link)
3. [Kids For Cash](#) (News-Click on link)
4. [A Plan to Combat Mistaken Identifications and False Confessions](#) (Article-Click on link)
5. [Cell One by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie](#) (Short Story-Click on link)
6. [We Real Cool](#)(Poem-Click on link)
7. [Fall North](#) (Short story-Click on link)
8. [The Girls](#) by Emma Cline (Book)

(Northern California, during the violent end of the 1960s. At the start of summer, a lonely and thoughtful teenager, Evie Boyd, sees a group of girls in the park, and is immediately caught by their freedom, their careless dress, their dangerous aura of abandon. Soon, Evie is in thrall to Suzanne, a mesmerizing older girl, and is drawn into the circle of a soon-to-be infamous cult and the man who is its charismatic leader. Hidden in the hills, their sprawling ranch is eerie and run down, but to Evie, it is exotic, thrilling, charged—a place where she feels desperate to be accepted. As she spends more time away from her mother and the rhythms of her daily life, and as her obsession with Suzanne intensifies, Evie does not realize she is coming closer and closer to unthinkable violence.)

9. [The Silent Wife](#) by Kerry Fisher (Book)

(Lara's life looks perfect on the surface. Gorgeous doting husband Massimo, sweet little son Sandro and the perfect home. Lara knows something about Massimo. Something she can't tell anyone else or everything he has worked so hard for will be destroyed: his job, their reputation, their son. This secret is keeping Lara a prisoner in her marriage. Maggie is married to Massimo's brother Nico and lives with him and her troubled stepdaughter. She knows all of Nico's darkest secrets – or so she thinks. Then one day she discovers a letter in the attic which reveals a shocking secret about Nico's first wife. Will Maggie set the record straight or keep silent to protect those she loves? For a family held together by lies, the truth will come at a devastating price.)

10. [I Let You Go](#) by Clarke Macintosh (Book)

*(On a rainy afternoon, a mother's life is shattered as her son slips from her grip and runs into the street...
I Let You Go follows Jenna Gray as she moves to a ramshackle cottage on*

the remote Welsh coast, trying to escape the memory of the car accident that plays again and again in her mind and desperate to heal from the loss of her child and the rest of her painful past.

At the same time, the novel tracks the pair of Bristol police investigators trying to get to the bottom of this hit-and-run. As they chase down one hopeless lead after another, they find themselves as drawn to each other as they are to the frustrating, twist-filled case before them.)

12. [The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine](#) by Michael Lewis (Book)

(The real story of the crash began in bizarre feeder markets where the sun doesn't shine and the SEC doesn't dare, or bother, to tread: the bond and real estate derivative markets where geeks invent impenetrable securities to profit from the misery of lower- and middle-class Americans who can't pay their debts. The smart people who understood what was or might be happening were paralyzed by hope and fear; in any case, they weren't talking.)

13. [Serial Podcast](#) (Click on link)

14. Making a Murderer (Netflix)

15. [Philip Zimbardo TED Talk on The Psychology of Evil](#) (Click on link)

16. Shawshank Redemption (Netflix)

17. [The Sound of Hammers Falling by Taylor Mali](#) (Click on link)

18. [Radiolab: Shots Fired Part 1](#) [Radiolab: Shots Fired Part 2](#) (Click on link)

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Abstract Idea: Crime

Student Name: _____

PART 1:

Personal Response

Which text provoked the most thought and/or interest? Make sure to write about both choices. Explain your answer in 8-10 sentences.

PART 2:

Text Summaries

Title of Choice #1:

Provide a brief summary of the text (6-8 sentences):

Title of Choice#2:

Provide a brief summary of the text (6-8 sentences):

PART 3:

Shared/Similar Ideas between texts	
Between the two choices you choose, what was something they had in common? (2 sentences)	
<i>Evidence from text #1 (quotation or explanation)</i>	<i>Evidence from text #2 (quotation or explanation)</i>
Contrasting Ideas between texts (opposite)	
Identify the idea/viewpoints that are different when comparing the texts.	
Text #1:	
Text #2:	
<i>Evidence from text #1 (quotation or explanation)</i>	<i>Evidence from text #2 (quotation or explanation)</i>