

10th Grade English Summer Reading 2022

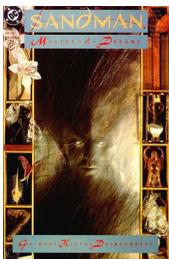
Your prospective sophomore English teachers humbly request that you read SOMETHING (preferably, a book of your choice) over the summer break.

Why read?

- ★ It's a quiet and relaxing activity
- ★ Does not require a charger
- ★ No friends or parents needed
- ★ Can do it just about anywhere
- ★ Makes you more cultured
- ★ Gives you a chance to get acquainted with your local library
- ★ Makes you a better English student = the more you read, the more your brain becomes accustomed to identifying vocabulary, grammar, purpose, author's style, context, etc. → the more you read, the easier English class will be!

Mr. MacLeod's Recommendations → ***A Confederacy of Dunces***

by John Kennedy Toole (prize-winner; a "comedy of errors"; has a main character so pretentious and recalcitrant that you'll love to hate him; rich imagery describing New Orleans of the 60s)

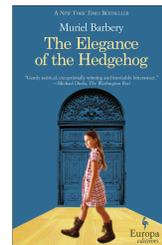


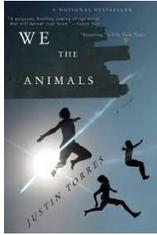
***Sandman* by Neil Gaiman** (surreal artwork and

reality-spanning stories revolving around the God of Sleep and his attempts to set right what went wrong while he was wrongfully trapped by greedy humans wanting his power in this thought-provoking graphic novel that will make you rethink how you imagine the gods and evil of the world)

Ms. Saxton's Recommendation → ***The Elegance of the***

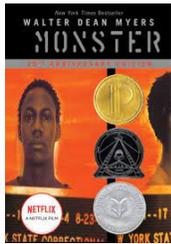
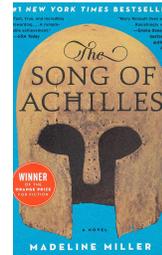
***Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery** (This is a story of two seemingly unrelated, disconnected characters whose stories begin to intertwine in a very satisfying way. One is an antisocial widow who manages an apartment building; the other is a bookish teenaged girl who is unimpressed by most people, including most of her own family. There is a completely unexpected twist at the end that I will remember for the rest of my life.)





***We the Animals* by Justin Torres** (A young man looks back on his childhood and family experiences in the form of short, often lyrical, vignettes. It's kind of a grittier, darker, *The House on Mango Street*, but from a boy's perspective. CW: some depictions of domestic violence, alcohol use, and drug use)

Ms. Kim's Recommendation → ***The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller** (This novel revisits the stories found in *The Iliad* and delves into the complexities of Achilles—a flawed hero whose fate is wrapped up in the Trojan War—and his relationship with Patroclus. I find the writing achingly beautiful, and I cry every time I read it.)



***Monster* by Walter Dean Myers** (This novel is about an African American teenager on trial for murder. It follows his trial, written like a screenplay, and also includes a first-person narrative revealing his thoughts on the unfolding events. It's an interesting look at how a person is seen versus who a person really is, and the shifting language emphasizes that distinction.)

Mr. Arden's Recommendation → ***The Crown Ain't Worth Much* by Hanif Willis-Abdurraqib** (Hanif Willis-Abdurraqib's first full-length collection is a sharp and vulnerable portrayal of city life in the United States. Willis-Abdurraqib brings his interest in pop culture to these poems, analyzing race, gender, family, and the love that finally holds us together even as it threatens to break us. The poems in this collection are challenging and accessible at once, as they seek to render real human voices in moments of tragedy and celebration. –via Goodreads.com)



***The Lumberjanes Series* by Noelle Stevenson** (The *Lumberjanes* Series follows 5 teens from very different backgrounds at their incredible summer camp. It's an upbeat, exciting adventure that will surely make you smile! This graphic novel is from the same writer behind *Nimona* and the *She-Ra* remake that was popular on Netflix a few years ago)

HERE ARE SOME OTHER USEFUL AND INTRIGUING RESOURCES:

How to get a MCPL Library Card =

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/services/registration.html>

MCPL Summer Reading Lists for High School =

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/resources/files/programs/summer-reading-book-list-high-school.pdf>

MCPL Teen Summer Reading Challenge =

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/resources/files/programs/summer-reading-teen-bookmark.pdf>