

9th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Dear incoming freshman,

Welcome to Pali High! As your future English teachers, we have a small request: pick a book that you are excited to read from our reading list. While you are reading, keep track of quotes that you find interesting or significant. After you are done with the book, create a chart consisting of ten quotes like the one below:

Include the title and author here

Quote (include context and page number)	Commentary
<i>Begin with context (who, what, where, and when), then include the quote. Finish with the page number the quote is on.</i>	<i>Commentary is the place for your ideas. What questions does this passage raise for you? What is interesting or significant about it?</i>
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We hope you have a great summer and are looking forward to meeting you soon with your work.

Warmly,
The Pali High 9th Grade English Department

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Fiction

With Malice: A Novel by Eileen Cook ISBN: 978-0-544-80509-5

316 pages; c2016

Eighteen-year-old Jill Charron's senior trip to Italy was supposed to be the adventure of a lifetime. And then the accident happened. Waking up in a hospital room, her leg in a cast, stitches in her face, and a big blank canvas where the last 6 weeks should be.

Ghost (Track, Book 1) by Jason Reynolds ISBN: 978-1-48145-015-7

181 pages; c2016

Castle "Ghost" Cranshaw has been running for three years, ever since the night his father shot a gun at him and his mother. When he gets recruited by a local track coach for a championship team, they strike a deal: if Ghost can stop getting into fights at school, he can run for the Defenders, but one altercation and he's gone.

Mapping the Bones by Jane Yolen ISBN: 978-0-399-25778-0

417 pages; c2018

It's 1942 in Poland, and the world is coming to pieces. At least that's how it seems to Chaim and Gittel, twins whose lives feel like a fairy tale torn apart, with evil witches, forbidden forests, and dangerous ovens looming on the horizon. But in all darkness there is light, and the twins find it through Chaim's poetry and the love they have for each other.

La Belle Sauvage (The Book of Dust, volume 1) by Philip Pullman ISBN: 978-0-375-81530-0

449 pages; c2017

When Malcolm finds a secret message inquiring about a dangerous substance called Dust, he finds himself embroiled in a tale of intrigue featuring enforcement agents from the Magisterium, a woman with an evil monkey daemon, and a baby named Lyra.

One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus ISBN: 978-1-52471-468-0

360 pages; c2017

When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case.

Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson ISBN: 978-1-68119-105-8

264 pages; c2017

Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls.

Twelve Steps to Normal by Farrah Penn ISBN: 978-0-316-47160-2

369 pages; c2018

Kira's life changed eight months ago when her alcoholic father went to rehab, and she moved from her small Texas hometown to stay with her aunt in Oregon. She left behind her dance team, close friends, and a boyfriend. Now it's time to return, and she's nervous. Is her father sober for good?

Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor ISBN: 978-0-316-34168-4

536 pages; c2017

*The dream chooses the dreamer, not the other way around--*and Lazlo Strange, war orphan and junior librarian, has always feared that his dream chose poorly. Since he was five years old he's been obsessed with the mythic lost city of Weep, but it would take someone bolder than he to cross half the world in search of it. Then a stunning opportunity presents itself, in the person of a hero called the Godslayer and a band of legendary warriors, and he has to seize his chance to lose his dream forever.

Nemesis by Brendan Reichs ISBN: 978-0-399-54493-4

443 pages; c2017

It's been happening since Min was eight. Every two years, on her birthday, a strange man finds her and murders her in cold blood. But hours later, she wakes up in a clearing just outside her tiny Idaho hometown--alone, unhurt, and with all evidence of the horrifying crime erased.

Across the valley, Noah just wants to be like everyone else. But he's not. Nightmares of murder and death plague him, though he does his best to hide the signs. But when the world around him begins to spiral toward panic and destruction, Noah discovers that people have been lying to him his whole life. Everything changes in an eye blink

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds ISBN: 978-1-48143-825-4

306 pages; c2017 *Verse Novel

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Railhead by Philip Reeve ISBN: 978-1-63079-050-9

333 pages; c2015

In a world of drones and androids, Zen Starling is a human thief, but mostly he just likes to ride the Interstellar Express, the sentient trains that travel through the K gates from planet to planet, something only the Guardians understand. But now the mysterious Raven wants him to steal the Pyxis, an object that could either open up a new gate, challenging the Guardians, or put the entire gate system, and the universe itself, in danger

Dread Nation by Justina Ireland ISBN: 978-0-06-257060-4

451 pages; c2018

America is changed forever when the dead begin to prowl battlefields during the Civil War. The horror births a new nation and a different type of slavery, in which laws force Native and Negro children to attend combat schools and receive training to put down the dead.

Landscape with Invisible Hand by M.T. Anderson ISBN: 978-0-7636-8789-2

149 pages; c2017

When the vuvv first landed, it came as a surprise to aspiring artist Adam and the rest of planet Earth -- but not necessarily an unwelcome one. Can it really be called an invasion when the vuvv generously offered free advanced technology and cures for every illness imaginable? As it turns out, yes. With his parents' jobs replaced by alien tech and no money for food, clean water, or the vuvv's miraculous medicine, Adam and his girlfriend, Chloe, have to get creative to survive.

The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah ISBN: 978-1-33811-866-7

393 pages; c2017

Michael usually concerns himself with basketball and hanging out with his friends, but every once in a while, his parents drag him to meetings and rallies with their anti-immigrant group. And it all makes sense to Michael. Until Mina, a beautiful girl from the other side of the protest lines, shows up at his school, and turns out to be funny, smart - and a Muslim refugee from Afghanistan. Suddenly, his parents' politics seem much more complicated.

Jazz Owls: A Novel of the Zoot Suit Riots by Margarita Engle ISBN: 978-1-53440-943-9

179 pages; c2018 *Verse Novel

Thousands of young Navy sailors are pouring into Los Angeles on their way to the front lines of World War II. They are teenagers, scared, longing to feel alive before they have to face the horrors of battle. Hot jazz music spiced with cool salsa rhythms calls them to dance with the local Mexican American girls, who jitterbug all night before working all day in the canneries. Proud to do their part for the war effort, these Jazz Owl girls are happy to dance with the sailors--until the blazing summer night when racial violence leads to murder.

A Girl Like That by Tamaz Bhaten ISBN: 978-0-374-30544-4

378 pages; c2018

In Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, sixteen-year-old half-Hindu/half-Parsi Zarin Wadia is the class troublemaker and top subject for the school rumor blogs, regularly leaving class to smoke cigarettes in cars with boys, but she also desperately wants to grow up and move out of her aunt and uncle's house, perhaps realizing too late that Porus, another non-Muslim Indian who risks deportation but remains devoted to Zarin, could help her escape.

Children of Blood and Bone (Orisha Legacy, book 1) by Tomi Adeyemi

ISBN: 978-1-25017-097-2 531 pages; c2018

Seventeen-year-old Zelig, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.

Tyler Johnson Was Here by Jay Coles ISBN: 978-0-316-44077-6

229 pages; c2018

As Marvin, his twin brother, Tyler, and their best friends exit a convenience store, they are caught in the commotion surrounding a police chase. After the cop viciously beats one of the young men he was pursuing, he draws a gun on Marvin and his group, threatening to shoot as he yells racial hostilities.

Non- Fiction

The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater ISBN: 978-0-374-30323-5

305 pages; c2017

One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. One moment that changes both of their lives forever. If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met.

The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir by Thi Bui ISBN: 978-1-41971-877-9

327 pages; c2017 *Graphic Novel

Thi Bui describes her family's experiences as they immigrate to the United States from their war-torn home in Vietnam.

Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

ISBN: 978-0-316-55538-8 289 pages; c2017

An autobiography about Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and his life growing up in New York, becoming the basketball star he's known to be, and getting involved in the world around him as an activist for social change.

Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Assassin by James Swanson

ISBN: 978-0-545-72333-6 373 pages; c2018

James Earl Ray and Martin Luther King, Jr. had two very different life journeys -- but their paths fatally collide when Ray assassinates the world-renown civil rights leader. This book provides an inside look into both of their lives, the history of the time, and a blow-by-blow examination of the assassination and its aftermath.

Sample Dialectical Notes: Incoming 9th Graders

(your assignment should look like the sample below)

Student Name

Teacher Last Name

Class & Period

Date

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Context, Quote & Citation	Commentary/Response/Analysis
<p>1) While describing the Washington Varsity Crew Coach, Al Ulbrickson, Brown writes, "In order to attend Franklin High School, he has to row a small boat two miles over to Seattle and back every day for four years.... [At the University of Washington] he excelled in both areas [crew and classes], and when he graduated in 1926, Washington quickly hired him as the freshmen crew coach, and then as head coach" (14).</p>	<p>This quote shows that something taxing and time consuming that Ulbrickson had to do was what brought him his success in life. The rowing he did everyday contributed to his ability to be so successful in rowing later in life. This expresses a theme common in many books; hard work will pay off. This theme is present in Ulbrickson's life because the hard work he put into rowing everyday led to a payoff – a successful rowing and coaching career. One way this theme is present in other people's lives is if you put in the work of studying for a test, your pay off will come when you get a good grade.</p>
<p>2) Don Hume, the stroke seat of the Washington Olympic boat, got sick right before the team's Olympic qualifying races. He was able to race, and get the boat into the Olympics, but since getting sick he had never fully recovered. A few days before their first Olympic race, their coach, Al Ulbrickson, told the press, "Hume means everything to us. Unless he recovers quickly and regains condition we don't have much chance" (322).</p>	<p>While the Olympic team did bring alternate rowers to fill in for anyone unable to compete, Ulbrickson was still very confident that they could not win without Hume. This goes to show how vital each and every person in that boat was to their success. Had Hume or one of the others not been able to race, they most likely wouldn't have won. Each boy was one part in this big machine, and with one of them changed, the whole thing would've fallen apart. With this, the author is able to give insight into that concept of "the boat" and help readers better understand the team dynamics.</p>
<p>3) An unnamed former coxswain who encounters the brilliance of George Pocock, University of Washington's boat-builder and advisor to the crew team, describes him by saying, "In his presence Washington crewmen always stood, for he symbolized that for which God's children always stand" (48).</p>	<p>The ex-rower's comments about George Pocock sufficiently summarize the man's stoic presence. It was such that commanded respect without a word, godly almost. The traits described exemplify those of an experienced mentor. Some of the greatest coaches of all time, such as Phil Jackson and John Wooden exhibit the same qualities as Pocock.</p>