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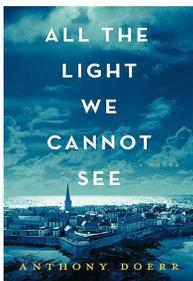
TKA Summer Reading Challenge 2022

12th Grade

The TKA Summer Reading Challenge is an optional summer reading list created by our library and English faculty. By participating, you will have the opportunity to write personalized, mini-reviews of these books available through a Google Form found on the TKA website. **For each review written (up to 5), you will be entered into the summer reading raffle with a variety of fun prizes!** For example, five reviews equals five raffle entries. Complete the review [HERE](#). So, keep your brain engaged over the summer break, bond with some of your classmates over literature, and get featured on the shelves of the library!

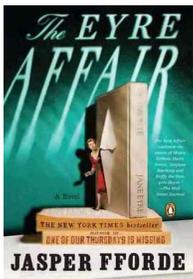
*Note: **AP Literature students have required reading assignments, available at:** www.tka.org/academics/summer. But consider also participating in this challenge!

Fiction:



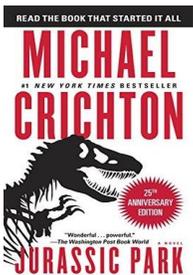
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Contains some mature content.



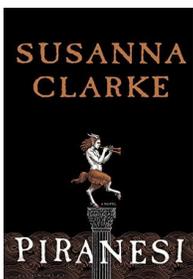
The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde

If you'd like a blend of time travel and crime novels, you will love visiting Jasper Fforde's Great Britain, circa 1985, when time travel is routine, cloning is a reality, and literature is taken very, very seriously: it's a bibliophile's dream. England is a virtual police state where an aunt can get lost (literally) in a Wordsworth poem and forging Byronic verse is a punishable offense. All this is business as usual for Thursday Next, renowned Special Operative in literary detection. But when someone begins kidnapping characters from works of literature and plucks Jane Eyre from the pages of Brontë's novel, Thursday is faced with the challenge of her career.



Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

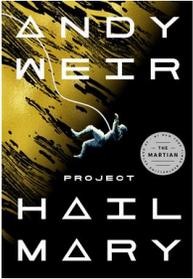
Yes. It was a book before it was a film! This is a modern-classic science fiction thriller that took the world by storm in 1990. Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read*, this book will also set 12th graders up for a unique perspective on *Frankenstein* as assigned in English 12, and if you loved this, you might love its sequel: *The Lost World*. The original Jurassic adventure is truly not to be missed.



Piranesi by Suzanne Clarke

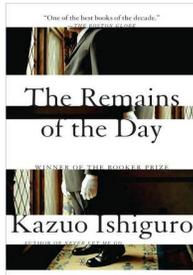
The House contains everything one could need; its upper rooms: birds, its lower rooms: fish, and its middle rooms: statues upon statues of humans and beasts alike. Piranesi aims to map the entire House but it is challenging when his memory is hazy. Fortunately, he has a friend in the man only known as The Other. But as Piranesi begins to unravel the mysteries of both The

House and The Other, he isn't sure he can grapple with the shocking truth...Please note, this book contains some profanity and controversial content.



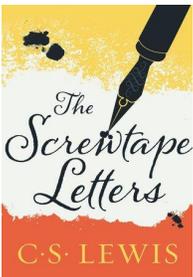
***Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir**

Ryland Grace wakes on a spacecraft to find his two companions dead and his memory wiped. Slowly, he begins to remember that he was sent to save Earth...but save it from what? And how is he going to do that if he can't remember? When an unexpected visitor appears on the scene, things get interesting quickly... Please note, this does contain some swearing and brief sexual references.



***The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro**

From the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, here is the universally acclaimed —winner of the Booker Prize and the basis for an award-winning film. This is Kazuo Ishiguro's profoundly compelling portrait of Stevens, the perfect butler, and of his fading, insular world in post-World War II England. Stevens, at the end of three decades of service at Darlington Hall, spending a day on a country drive, embarks as well on a journey through the past in an effort to reassure himself that he has served humanity by serving the "great gentleman," Lord Darlington. But lurking in his memory are doubts about the true nature of Lord Darlington's "greatness," and much graver doubts about the nature of his own life.



***The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis**

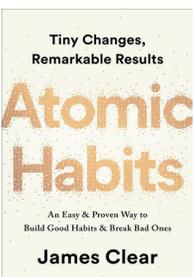
If you prefer fictional apologetics through haunting spiritual warfare, you might enjoy this book where a seasoned demon, Wormwood, is training a younger demon, Screwtape, on how to bring a man down spiritually. The training takes the forms of letters from one to the other.



***Scythe* by Neal Shusterman**

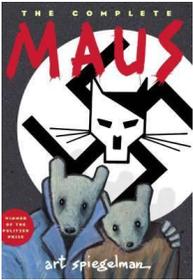
What does it mean to be human and is everyone's life of equal value? If you have ever pondered this, then this is the book for you! Citra and Rowan live in a world where humans have out-engineered death. The planet, however, cannot support a growing human population indefinitely leading to the rise of Scythes, sanctioned killers who carefully winnow the human population for the good of the Earth. What does it mean to be an ethical killer? Citra and Rowan are about to find out when they are pitted against each other to be one particular Scythe's successor. Please note, there are graphic death scenes and mentions of mass murder.

Nonfiction:



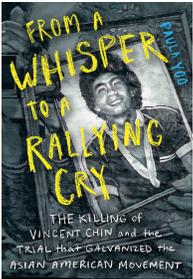
***Atomic Habits* by James Clear**

Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results: Understand yourself better by observing your habits, and glean the power to change them! No matter your goals, Atomic Habits offers a proven framework for improving--every day. James Clear, one of the world's leading experts on habit formation, reveals practical strategies that will teach you exactly how to form good habits, break bad ones, and master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results.



***The Complete MAUS* by Art Spiegelman**

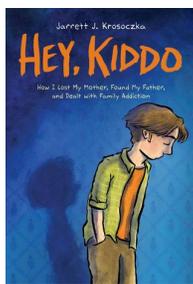
Through the depiction of Nazis as cats and the Jewish people as mice, this graphic novel tour de force, explores the Holocaust and generational trauma. Two stories interwoven into one, Art Spiegelman depicts the horrors his father survived while examining his own rocky relationship with his dad. A complete masterpiece. Please note, this book contains disturbing imagery & suicide.



From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry: The Killing of Vincent Chin and the Trial that Galvanized the

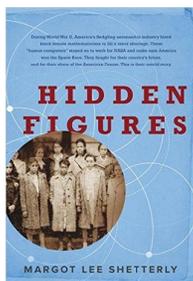
***Asian American Movement* by Paula Yoon**

In a town rife with racial tension, a night out turned into the brutal murder of Vincent Chin; what's worse? His killers were given little more than parole by the court. This injustice sparked a movement in 1982 that created awareness of the racial struggles facing Asian Americans that still resonates today. Please note this book contains mature content, racial slurs, and violent imagery.



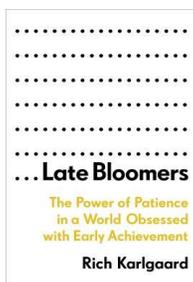
***Hey, Kiddo* by Jarrett Krosoczka**

In this graphic novel memoir, Jarrett Krosoczka depicts his rocky childhood and his choice to thrive despite its challenges. When his mother cannot keep him because of her heroin addiction, Jarrett's grandparents take him in. But, though they love him, they have their own addictions, alcohol and anger. Jarrett finds solace in creating art which allows him an opportunity to work out his feelings and decide who he wants to be in the face of a storm. Please note, this contains profanity.



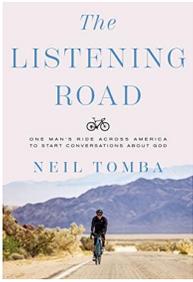
***Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly**

Set amid the civil rights movement, this is the never-before-told true story of NASA's African-American female mathematicians who played a crucial role in America's space program. Before Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of professionals worked as 'Human Computers', calculating the flight paths that would enable these historic achievements. Among these were a coterie of bright, talented African-American women. Segregated from their white counterparts, these 'coloured computers' used pencil and paper to write the equations that would launch rockets and astronauts, into space.



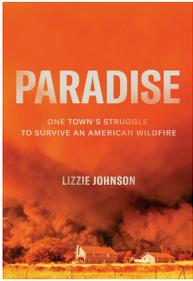
***Late Bloomers: The Hidden Strengths of Learning and Succeeding at Your Own Pace* by Rich Karlgaard**

If you have felt exhausted by the current societal pressure to perform at maximum potential as early as possible, then you may appreciate this perspective on performance. Late bloomers are often mistakenly under-valued—in popular culture, by educators and employers, and even unwittingly by parents. Yet the fact is, a lot of us—most of us—do not explode out of the gates in life. We have to discover our passions and talents and gifts. That was true for author Rich Karlgaard, who had a mediocre academic career at Stanford (which he got into by a fluke) and, after graduating, worked as a dishwasher and night watchman before finding the inner motivation and drive that ultimately led him to start up a high-tech magazine in Silicon Valley, and eventually to become the publisher of Forbes magazine.



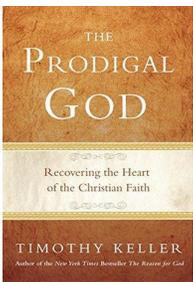
The Listening Road by Neal Tomba

Realizing that his congregation and the American church at large struggled to talk to others about Jesus, pastor Neal Tomba decides to take a 33 day bicycle trip across the U.S. with the intention to listen and get to know others. What does it mean to connect and care for each other when we live in such a divided time?



Paradise: One Town's Struggle to Survive an American Wildfire by Lizzie Johnson

Using interviews, 911 transcripts, and minute-by-minute reporting, journalist Lizzie Johnson crafts a gripping account of what exactly happened on November 8, 2018 when the town of Paradise went up with flames leaving 85 people dead and hundreds homeless. Please note, this includes harrowing imagery.



Prodigal God by Tim Keller

Tim Keller explores the often overlooked implications of this beloved parable of God's mercy, and reflects on a deeper understanding of Christianity and the church in today's world.