

10th Grade Summer Reading

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Assignment 1

Required Text:

The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

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Assignment 2

Choice Text: (choose one of the following)

[Into the Wild](#) by John Krakauer

[My Sister's Keeper](#) by Jodi Picoult

[The Fault in Our Stars](#) by John Greene

[Alive](#) by Piers Paul Read

Assignment:

Each of these stories features complex characters who must face difficult decisions. As you read, seek to understand the perspectives of these characters and consider the lessons that they learn as a result of their decisions.

Students are strongly encouraged to read this book over the final weeks of summer. During the first week of class, you will be required to write an essay demonstrating your comprehension of the novel. Feel free to supplement your reading by looking over the spark notes for the novels, but know that these will not be a sufficient substitute for actually reading the novel.