



Norwalk High School - Grade 9
Required HONORS Summer Reading 2018
Extra Credit Summer Reading for all other incoming 9th graders.

Norwalk High School wants to encourage all 9th graders to continue reading and exploring all summer long. In fact, one of many studies on the “summer slide” found that, “student achievement declined over the summer by one month’s worth of learning, with the greatest loss in upper grades.”

We can battle this slide by reading every day! This summer, Norwalk High School is challenging it’s incoming 9th graders to read a novel that addresses the major themes we’ll encounter during the course of the year and joins the incoming class in shared, inquisitive discussion.

Read as much as you want, as much as you can. Read the sports page. Read comics. Read the back of the cereal box. And while you’re at it, read and ponder the grade 9 summer reading novel below - -

***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.**

As you read, think and take notes on the following essential questions, which we will continue to address in class this year.

THEN, read any two additional novels that you will enjoy. You might refer to the following websites to explore titles:

- The Norwalk Public Library Summer Reading Page - <https://www.norwalkpl.org/100/Summer-Reading>
- For more personal recommendations, sign up at GoodReads - <https://www.goodreads.com/>
- The Children’s Book Council posts book lists & articles on diversity-related topics - <http://www.cbcdiversity.com/resources/teachersandlibrarians>
- The Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Page - https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading-for-teens/_/N-2mis

Essential Questions:

1. How do beliefs, ethics, or values influence different people’s behavior?
2. When a person’s individual choices are in direct conflict with his or her culture or society, what might the consequences be?
3. Does labeling and stereotyping influence how we look at and understand the world?
4. What turning points shape our individual pathways to adulthood?