

English I Summer Assignment 2019 - 2020

We strongly recommend you read one of the following three books. Reading helps increase/improves imagination, focus and concentration, memory, communication, and language development.

If you choose to read one of these books you will participate in an activity the first day of school. Should you choose not to read one of these selections, students will focus on reading strategies and practices during class while the others are doing the activity.

You should consider keeping informal notes about favorite parts, characters, etc. Every student will be required to do a group project based on the summer work, be it the novel or the reading strategies and practices completed on the first day of school.

Any questions, please email hayley.dant@boone.kyschools.us with Summer Assignment in the subject line.

** Please note that the novels below may contain mild violence, language, or other mild content. Please consider using sources like Common Sense Media or Goodreads or others to evaluate and choose the best novel.

Killing Mr. Griffin, by Lois Duncan

Mr. Griffin is the strictest teacher at Del Norte High, with a penchant for endless projects and humiliating his students. Even straight-A student Susan can't believe how mean he is to the charismatic Mark Kinney. So when her crush asks Susan to help a group of students teach a lesson of their own, she goes along. After all, it's a harmless prank, right?

But things don't go according to plan. When one "accident" leads to another, people begin to die. Susan and her friends must face the awful truth: one of them is a killer.

The Red Queen, by Victoria Aveyard

Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood- those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court.

Before the king, princes, and all the nobles, she discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. As Mare is drawn further into the Silver world, she risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard-a growing Red rebellion- even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction. One wrong move can lead to her death, but in the dangerous game she plays, the only certainty is betrayal.

Sleeping Freshman Never Lie, by David Lubar

Starting high school is never easy. Seniors take your lunch money. Girls you've known forever are suddenly beautiful and unattainable. And you can never get enough sleep. Could there be a worse time for Scott's mother to announce she's pregnant? Scott decides high school would be a lot less overwhelming if it came with a survival manual, so he begins to write down tips for his new sibling. Meanwhile, he's trying his best to capture the attention of Julia, the freshman goddess. In the process, Scott manages to become involved in nearly everything the school has to offer. So while he tries to find his place in the confusing world of high school, win Julia's heart, and keep his sanity, Scott will be recording all the details for his sibling's—and your—enjoyment.