

WYOMING AREA SECONDARY CENTER  
SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT  
2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR  
STUDENTS ENTERING ELEVENTH GRADE

The more we read the better readers we become. Students who read actively and often increase their fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. They also experience greater success in school by developing literacy skills that support critical reading of all texts, broadening their experience, knowledge, and understanding of the larger world, and cultivating lifelong reading habits that they carry into adulthood.

Students entering eleventh grade must choose one book from those listed on the next page. Honors students need to select two. Please note the Common Core curriculum information that has been included with this year's reading list. Students will be working with the various themes throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

**Identities and Origins**

*-Tuesdays with Morrie*

Mitch Albom  
(nonfiction)

Newspaper columnist Mitch Albom recounts time spent with his 78-year-old sociology professor, Morrie Schwartz, at Brandeis University, who was dying from Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). Albom, a former student of Schwartz, has not corresponded with him since attending his college classes 16 years earlier.

**Quandaries and Relationships**

*-The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*

Mark Haddon  
(fiction)

Christopher, a mathematically-gifted but socially challenged autistic teen, uncovers secrets about his own family while investigating the murder of a neighbor's dog.

**Dreams and Realities**

*-Firehouse*

David Halberstam  
(nonfiction)

This stunning *New York Times* bestselling book is about Engine 40, Ladder 35, located on the West Side of Manhattan near Lincoln Center. On the morning of September 11, 2001, two rigs carrying thirteen men set out from the firehouse: twelve of them would never return.

**Courage and Resourcefulness**

*-Between an Rock and a Hard Place*

Aron Ralston  
(nonfiction)

The author recounts his harrowing experiences of being trapped for six days in Blue John Canyon in Utah and having to amputate his own right arm in order to save his life.

**Freedom and Independence**

*-The Natural*

Bernard Malamud  
(fiction)

Roy Hobbs is young baseball player trying to make it to the majors. On his way to a tryout with the Chicago Cubs, he is shot by a mysterious woman. Will Roy ever play baseball again?

*-The Alchemist*

Paulo Coelho  
(fantasy)

“Everyone, when they are young, knows what their Personal Legend is. At that point in their lives, everything is clear and everything is possible. They are not afraid to dream, and to yearn for everything they would like to see happen to them in their lives. But, as time passes, a mysterious force begins to convince them that it will be impossible for them to realize their Personal Legend.

**Justice and Deliberation**

*-In Cold Blood*

Truman Capote  
(nonfiction)

Two two-time losers living in a lonely house in western Kansas are out to make the heist of their life, but when things do not go as planned, the robbery turns ugly. From there, the book is a real-life look into murder, prison, and the criminal mind.