**9th Grade Lanier High School Summer Reading List (2016)**

Read one book from the following list. You will be assessed in Language Arts class after school begins.

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| **TITLE** | **AUTHOR** | **SUMMARY** |
| ***Book of Ivy\****  Dystopian romance | Amy Engel | In an apocalyptic future where girls from the losing faction are forcibly married to boys of the winning faction, sixteen-year-old Ivy is tasked to kill her fiancé Bishop, although when she finally meets him, he is not the monster she has been led to believe. |
| ***I Am Princess X\****  Suspense with graphic novel sections | Cherie Priest | Best friends Libby and May invented Princess X when they were in fifth grade, but when the car Libby is in goes off a bridge, she is presumed dead, and the story came to an end--except now, three years later, Princess X is suddenly everywhere, with a whole underground culture focused on a web-comic, and May believes her friend must be alive. |
| ***Steelheart***  Supervillain sci-fi | Brandon Sanderson | At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners--the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny. |
| ***Under a Painted Sky\****  Historical fiction | Stacey Lee | Missouri, 1849: when two girls, one Chinese-American and one a runaway slave, find themselves with no options but fleeing for the unknown frontier. But life on the Oregon Trail is unsafe, so they disguise themselves as two boys headed for the California gold rush. |
| ***We Are All Made of Molecules\****  Humor, school stories, families | Susin Nielsen | Thirteen-year-old brilliant but socially-challenged Stewart and mean-girl Ashley must find common ground when, two years after Stewart's mother died, his father moves in with his new girlfriend--Ashley's mother, whose gay ex-husband lives in their guest house. |
| ***X: a Novel \****  Historical fiction | Ilyasah Shabazz | Fictionalized account of the troubled youth of Malcolm Little, later known as Malcolm X. |
| ***A Gathering of Old Men***  Modern classic | Ernest Gaines | When Beau Boutan, a Cajun farmer, is found shot on a Louisiana plantation, the claimants to the killing form a wall of protection around the real murderer. |

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| **TITLE** | **AUTHOR** | **SUMMARY** |
| ***Con Academy\****  School & swindler story | Joe Schreiber | Con man Will Shea may have met his match in scammer Andrea Dufresne as they make a high-stakes deal that'll determine who gets to stay at Connaughton Academy, one of the most elite and privileged preparatory schools in the country. |
| ***Faking Normal***  Realistic problem story with romance | Courtney Stevens | Alexi Littrell hasn't told anyone what happened to her over the summer. When the quiet and awkward boy next door comes to live with the Littrells, Alexi discovers an unlikely friend in "the Kool-Aid Kid," who has secrets of his own. As they lean on each other for support, the two give each other the strength to deal with the past and face the truth. |
| ***The Novice\****  Fantasy Action | Taran Matharu | When blacksmith apprentice Fletcher discovers that he has the ability to summon demons from another world, he travels to Adept Military Academy where must decide where his loyalties lie. |
| ***When\****  Suspense with paranormal abilities | Victoria Laurie | Sixteen-year-old Maddie Flynn cannot help but see the death date of everyone she meets or sees in a photograph or on-screen, and her alcoholic mother exploits this by having her do readings for money, but when Maddie predicts the death of a young boy, she becomes the center of an FBI investigation. |
| ***When I Was the Greatest***  Realistic, urban problem story | Jason Reynolds | Ali lives in Bed-Stuy, a Brooklyn neighborhood known for guns and drugs, but he and his sister, Jazz, and their neighbors, Needles and Noodles, stay out of trouble until they go to the wrong party, where one gets badly hurt and another leaves with a target on his back. |
| ***Written in the Stars\****  Multi-cultural, world setting realistic | Aisha Saeed | Naila's vacation to visit relatives in Pakistan turns into a nightmare when she discovers her parents want to force her to marry a man she's never met. |
| ***Red Badge of Courage***  Classic | Stephen Crane | During his service in the Civil War a young Union soldier matures to manhood and finds peace of mind as he comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war. |

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| **TITLE** | **AUTHOR** | **SUMMARY** |
| ***Caged Warrior***  Urban action-sports story | Alan Sitomer | From age three, McCutcheon Daniels, now sixteen, has been trained in Mixed Martial Arts and must keep winning to feed his five-year-old sister and father, but chance presents an opportunity to get out of the Detroit slums using his brain instead of his fighting skills. |
| ***Ember in the Ashes\****  Fantasy, action | Sabaa Tahir | Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution |
| ***Every Last Word\****  Realistic problem novel | Tamara Ireland Stone | Consumed by a stream of dark thoughts and worries that she can't turn off, a girl coping with Purely-Obsessional OCD learns to accept herself and take control of her life through her experiences in poetry club |
| ***How It Went Down\****  Realistic racial shooting | Kekla Magoon | When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson is shot to death, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack Franklin, is white, and in the aftermath everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events agree. |
| ***None of the Above\****  Realistic medical gender issue | I.W. Gregorio | Homecoming queen Kristin has a hard enough time dealing with her body, but a visit to the doctor reveals that she is intersex, which means that though she looks like a girl, she has male chromosomes, not to mention boy "parts" and after her diagnosis is leaked to the whole school, her identity is thrown into question. |
| ***Sugar: A Novel\****  Realistic Problem / Romance | Deirdre Riordan Hall | Sugar Legowski-Gracia wasn't always fat, but fat is what she is now at age seventeen when she meets Even. She has the new experience of someone seeing her and not her body. As their unlikely friendship builds, Sugar allows herself to think about the future for the first time, a future not weighed down by her body or her mother. |
| ***Tortilla Flat***  Classic | John Steinbeck | Above the town of Monterey on the California coast lies the shabby district of Tortilla Flat where Danny and his colorful group of friends live and where their revels recall the exploits of King Arthur's knights. |

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| **TITLE** | **AUTHOR** | **SUMMARY** |
| ***Paperweight***\*  Realistic problem, eating disorders | Meg Haston | 17-year-old Stevie is trapped. In her life. In her body. And now in an eating-disorder treatment center where her dad signed her up for 60 days. But what no one knows is that Stevie doesn't plan to stay that long. The anniversary of her brother Josh’s death is only 27 days away. Stevie’s guilt leads to her plan to live no longer past that fateful day. |
| ***Secret Side of Empty, The \****  Realistic problem, school & immigrants | Maria E. Andreu | M.T.'s a high-achieving high school student hiding the fact that she's an undocumented immigrant in the United States. |
| ***I’ll Meet You There\****  Growing up, returning veterans, relationships | Heather Demetrios | Skylar Evans, seventeen, yearns to escape Creek View by attending art school, but after her mother's job loss puts her dream at risk, a rekindled friendship with Josh, who joined the Marines to get away then lost a leg in Afghanistan, and her job at the Paradise motel lead her to appreciate her home town. |
| ***Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda\****  Humor, sexual identity | Becky Albertalli | Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity--and that of his pen pal--will be revealed. |
| ***Phoenix Island***  Action adventure, survival story | John Dixon | When a tough sixteen-year-old boxing champ sentenced to an isolated boot camp discovers it is actually a mercenary training facility turning "throwaway children" into scientifically enhanced killers, he risks everything to save his friends and stop a madman bent on global destruction. |
| ***Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly\****  Psychological drama, juvenile justice, cults | Stephanie Oakes | A handless teen escapes from a cult, only to find herself in juvenile detention and suspected of knowing who murdered her cult leader. |
| ***Brave New World***  Classic | Aldous Huxley | A satirical novel about the utopia of the future, a world in which babies are decanted from bottles and the great Ford is worshipped. |

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