

2009 Summer Reading - Ninth Grade
(printable format)

Students are to choose THREE books to read. For **ONE** book, the student will make an **8 1/2 x 11 poster** that contains the following information:

- **TITLE**
- **AUTHOR**
- **ARTISTIC REPRESENTATION OF ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE BOOK**

An *artistic representation* means a drawing, magazine cut outs that represent your thoughts or perhaps even a 3-D representation of some important aspect of the book. The poster should be cardboard or poster board but not to exceed 8 1/2 x 11" size poster. The English teacher will tell you the type of assessment style for the other two books during the second week of September. This project will be due during the second week of school.

Anderson, Laurie Raise - Fever 1793

Fever 1793 is based on an actual epidemic of yellow fever in Philadelphia that wiped out 5,000 people-- or 10 percent of the city's population--in three months.

Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia -Shattered Mirror

Sarah, daughter of a powerful line of vampire-hunting witches, continues to pursue the ancient bloodsucker Nikolas, she finds herself in a dangerous friendship with two vampire siblings in her high school.

Blais, Madeleine - In These Girls, Hope Is a Muscle

Chronicles one basketball season of a girls' high school team in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Card, Orson Scott - Ender's Game

Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy.

Chbosky, Stephen -The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Charlie explores the dilemmas of growing up through a collection of letters he sends to an unknown receiver.

Curtis, Christopher Paul - Bucking the Sarge

Luther, a wealthy 15 year old, is in an enviable position...or is he. He dreams of going to college, and becoming a philosopher. But he still has to deal with his difficult mother.

Farmer, Nancy - Sea of Trolls

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Lotunheim, home of the trolls.

Finn, Alex – Nothing to Lose

After running away with a traveling carnival to escape his life, Michael returns to Florida, to find his mother is going on trial for the murder of his abusive stepfather.

Hoffman, Alice – Incantation

Estrella deMadrigal knows exactly who she is but a startling discovery about her family makes her question everything she thought she knew.

Katz, Jon – Geeks : How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet out of Idaho

Tells the true story of Jesse and Eric.. nineteen-year-old roommates in the small town of Caldwell, Idaho who changed their lives and built a new future for themselves with the power of the Internet.

Levitin, Sonia – The Cure

A young boy living in 2407 collides with the past when he finds himself in Strasbourg in 1348 confronting the anti-Semitism that sweeps through Europe during the Black Plague.

Mowry, Jess – Babylon Boyz

Inner-city teenagers find a suitcase full of cocaine and must decide whether to sell it or to destroy it to keep the drug from poisoning their community.

Myers, Walter Dean – Bad Boy: A Memoir

Walter Dean Myers describes his childhood in Harlem in the 1940s & 1950s, discussing his loving stepmother, problems in school, reasons for leaving home, and beginnings as a writer.

Myers, Walter Dean – Fallen Angels

In the summer of 1967, seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army and spends a devastating year in Vietnam.

Nye, Naomi Shihab – Habibi

Liyanne Abboud & family move from St. Louis to a village between Jerusalem and Palestine. They face many changes and must deal with tensions between Jews and Palestinians.

Oates, Joyce Carol –Big Mouth & Ugly Girl

While horsing around in the cafeteria, Matt Donaghy makes comments that land him in a world of trouble. One girl, frightening Ursula Riggsis, is willing to speak up on Matt's behalf.

Plum-Ucci, Carol- The Body of Christopher Creed

Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.

Porter, Connie Rose- Imani All Mine

Tasha, a fifteen-year-old mother, is proud of her baby and is determined to be a good parent to her child, but she must draw upon her newfound faith to go on when tragedy strikes.

Reese, Celia – Witch Child

In 1659, Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts.

Rennison, Louise – On the Bright Side, I'm Now the Girlfriend of a Sex God; Further Confessions of Georgia Nicolson

Georgia continues her diary. She records her misadventures trying to reclaim the attention of Robbie, while coping with her friends, family, and dog-like cat Angus at the same time.

Smelcor, John – The Trap

Albert has been working his trap lines for over sixty years. But when he doesn't return, his grandson Johnny begins to worry, especially when the temperature begins to drop.

Sones, Sonya – One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies

Ruby Milliken leaves her family, and her mother's grave in Boston and flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.

Williams-Garcia, Rita - Like Sisters on the Homefront

Troubled fourteen-year-old Gayle is sent down South to live with her uncle and aunt, where her life begins to change as she experiences the healing power of the family.

Wittlinger, Ellen - Razzle

Kenyon's Cape Cod summer provides insight into the nature of friendship, the difference between infatuation and love, and inner versus outer beauty.

Wolff, Virginia Euwer - Make Lemonade

In order to earn money for college, fourteen-year-old LaVaughn baby sits for a teenage mother.

Woods, Brenda - Emako Blue

Three teens never had much to do until Emako Blue shows up at chorus practice. Just as the lives of the five Los Angeles high school students become intertwined, tragedy tears them apart.