

English 11 (American Literature)

Mrs. Carpenter

Summer Reading Assignment 2021-2022 (1 Book)

Choose ONE of the novels listed below

- *The Orphan Train* – Christina Baker Kline
- *Ender's Shadow* – Orson Scott Card
- *All American Boys* – Jason Reynolds
- *Nickel Boys* – Colson Whitehead
- *Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* – Suzanne Collins
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* – Sherman Alexi
- *Station 11* - Emily St. John Mandel

Essential Questions for novels to consider while reading.

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2. How does the character's relationship with other people or groups (society) change them for better or worse?
3. What lesson does the novel teach you about identity and the human experience? What does the lesson/message say about life?

We will be writing an essay on the novel you have chosen in MLA format at school. We will write our Summer Reading Essays during the first week of school. I would encourage you to take notes in the margins or highlight passages that focus on the questions listed above. I will not collect these responses, but in considering these questions as you read you will be better able to complete your essay and prepare for your quiz.

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- ***Turtles All the Way Down*** – John Green
- ***Nickel Boys*** – Colson Whitehead
- ***A Lesson Before Dying*** – Ernest Gaines
- ***Educated*** – Tara Westover

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