

10th Grade General Summer Reading Assignment

Students enrolled in 10 General English for the next school year must read one of the following three books. (all book descriptions are taken from Amazon.com)

The House on Mango Street – Sandra Cisneros

Acclaimed by critics, beloved by readers of all ages, taught everywhere from inner-city grade schools to universities across the country, and translated all over the world, *The House on Mango Street* is the remarkable story of Esperanza Cordero.

Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous – it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.

***The House on Mango Street* should be read and studied as a work of poetry, not prose. Do not expect *The House on Mango Street* to follow a typical novel format; the book more closely resembles the seemingly random thoughts of a young teen growing up in a barrio.**

Trigger – Susan Vaught

Jersey Hatch seemed to have it all together—he played sports, was popular, had a great girlfriend, best friend, and supportive parents. But when he emerges from a recuperative care center, all that is gone, his legs and hands don't work right, his mouth says every word that pops into his brain, and he has to write down his thoughts so that he remembers even the most basic directions and details. Through it all, one question haunts him: why did he try to kill himself?

Uglies – Scott Westerfeld

The *Uglies* series has more than 3 million books in print, has been translated into twenty-seven languages, and spent more than fifty weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list. Now all four books feature fresh new covers and will reach an even wider audience. Tally's adventures begin in *Uglies*, where she learns the truth about what life as a Pretty really means.

In order to keep track and remember what you have read, you should take notes on the setting, the main characters, plot summary, and themes.

A test on the books will take place on the first Friday of school. The test will be a combination of true/false, matching, multiple choice, quotes, and essay. This evaluation will be your first grade for the first quarter.

Please check the website as some of the above titles may have reading guides.