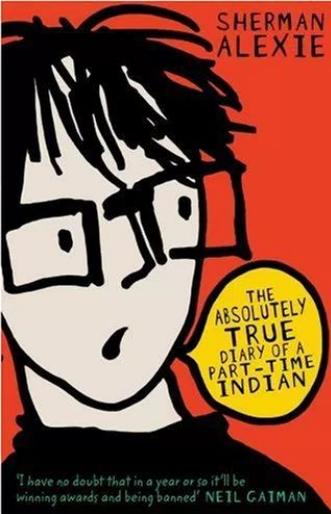


# Incoming Freshmen Summer Reading Preview Spring 2018

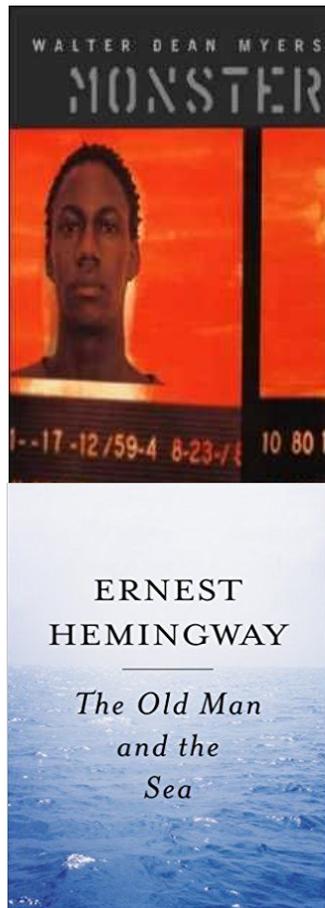
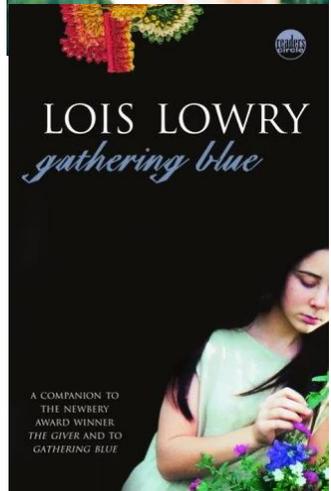
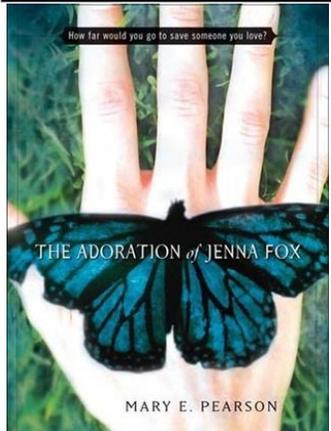
Welcome Wildcat Class of 2022!

Each summer, all Wego students participate in summer reading. This year, incoming ninth graders have six books on the summer reading list. Your job is to preview these titles. Then, choose and read ONE book before we start school in August. You will be assessed on your reading.



**Choose one:**

- Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
- The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson
- Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
- Monster* by Walter Dean Myers
- The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
- Rash* by Pete Hautman



All of these books have a few things in common.

1.) These stories are all young adult novels that feature a main character that is coming of age or beginning to mature.

2.) A main character changes as a result of a journey that is real or symbolic.

3.) The hero fights battles with the aid of helpers and weapons that are literal or symbolic.

4.) Each book has a message or theme about coming of age, friendship, loss, or other key ideas.



This summer, spend a few hours reading one of these books for pleasure - for fun. You'll want to get to know the characters and know the plot, but you'll also want to think about how these characters are like you. What have these

characters learned that you have already learned? What have these characters learned that you have not yet discovered?

Enjoy your summer. Enjoy your summer reading! Please make reading a daily part of your summer. This can include books from the summer reading list, your local library, online sources, etc. All reading is good reading. If you have any questions, contact language arts division chair, Mary Howard, at [mhoward@d94.org](mailto:mhoward@d94.org).

**Incoming freshmen who are enrolled in English 1 Honors have additional summer reading requirements.**

**In addition to reading one of the novels on the ninth grade summer reading list,** English 1 Honors students are expected to complete additional summer work that is detailed below.

If you have questions *during the summer*, please feel free to send an email to the English 1 Honors team of teachers at [english1honors@d94.org](mailto:english1honors@d94.org). Since it will be during the summer months, please anticipate a delayed response.

As mentioned above, another resource at any time is to email Mary Howard, the language arts division chair, at [mhoward@d94.org](mailto:mhoward@d94.org) at any time.

English 1 Honors Students,

Complete this reading before your first day of class on August 15th:

- 1.) One book from the ninth grade list (on the back of this sheet).
- 2.) “How to Mark a Book” by Mortimer Adler
- 3.) The myth of “Narcissus”
- 4.) The Prologue from *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
- 5.) Chapter 1 from *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, “Every Trip is a Quest” by Thomas Foster
- 6.) Chapter 1 from *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Carol Dweck
- 7.) *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho (ISBN 978-0-06-231500-7 if possible)

Please annotate the texts that are labeled using the techniques outlined by Adler in “How to Mark a Book.”

The book on the ninth grade reading list should be read and enjoyed like a beach read or magazine.