

ESL HS/MS Reading List 2016-2017

- Alvarez, Julia** FIC Alv ***Before We Were Free***
12 year old Anita's life under the harsh rule of a Dominican dictator.
- Anaya, Rudolph** FIC Ana ***Bless Me, Ultima***
Young Antonio is forced to choose between two opposing ways of life.
- Freedman, Russell** 302.5 Fre ***Children of the Wild West***
A history with original photos, showing life for whites and Native Americans in the U.S.
- Cisneros, Sandra** FIC Cis ***The House on Mango Street***
A sensitive novel about a Mexican-American girl growing up in Chicago.
- Saldana, Rene Jr.** SC Sal ***Finding Our Way***
Stories of love, danger, loyalty and pride.
- Ancona, George** ***Murals: Walls that Sing***
A beautiful art book about murals.
- Greenberg, Keith Erik** ***Erik Is Homeless***
A real-life story of a boy and his mom, who are homeless.
- Rowling, J. K.** FIC Row ***Harry Potter (series)***
The exciting continuing story of a young English boy with magical powers.
- Sachar, Louis** FIC Sac ***Holes***
A troubled boy with a weird family is sent to a very strange detention camp.
- Harness, Cheryl** ***Rabble Rousers: 20 Women Who Made a Difference***
Inspiring biographies of women who stood up for what was right.
- Jimenez, Francisco** SC Jim ***The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child***
Autobiographical account of a Mexican boy's struggle for education in a migrant family.
- Jimenez, Francisco** BIOG Jim ***Breaking Through***
Francisco Jimenez finishes telling the story of his childhood in a migrant family.
- Johnson, Angela** FIC Joh ***The First Part Last***
Teenagers confront the realities of pregnancy and responsibility.
- Fleischman, Paul** ***Whirligig***
High School student Brent kills a girl when driving drunk and is offered an unusual way to make amends for his mistake.
- Portis, Charles** ***True Grit***
14-year-old Mattie Ross and cranky old U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn go into the Indian Territories to avenge her father's death.
- Salinas, Eva** 609.8 Sal ***Latin Americans Thought of It***
- Schwartz, Alvin
and Helquist, Brent** ***Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark***
Frightening stories of horror, revenge, the supernatural and darkness.
- Hiassen, Carl** FIC Hia ***Hoot***
A funny mystery which features Florida ecology.
- Cameron, Ann** ***Colibri***
A girl kidnapped in Guatemala tries to find her family.
- Ochoa, Annette Pina** ***Night is Gone, Day is Still Coming: Stories and Poems***
Find out how some Native American young people feel about their lives.
- Hoobler, Dorothy** 304.8 Hoo ***We Americans: Voices of the Immigrant Experience***
The variety of immigrants in America.

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- Conrad, Pam** FIC Con ***Pedro's Journal***
A fictional tale of a boy who sailed with Columbus on the Pinta, Nina and the Santa Maria.
- Hinton, S. E.** FIC Hin ***That Was Then, This Is Now***
If you liked *The Outsiders (Los Rebeles)*, you will like this too.
- Myers, Walter Dean** SC Mye ***145th Street***
Stories about people who live in Manhattan, you'll feel like you live there, too.
- Fritz, Jean** 951.212 Fri ***China Homecoming***
True stories of an American girl who grew up in China in the 1920s, feeling homesick.
- Steinbeck, John** FIC Ste ***The Red Pony***
If you've ever had a pet you loved, this is a book you'll enjoy.
- Steinbeck, John** FIC Ste ***The Pearl***
Kino, a young pearl diver, enjoys his simple life with his family until his son is stung by a scorpion.
- Richter, Conrad** FIC Ric ***The Light in the Forest***
Immigrants have always faced problems in America: even in the 1700s, Native Americans and whites had their differences.
- Schaefer, Jack** FIC Sha ***Shane***
You might be surprised to learn that all the conflicts in the Old West were not between cowboys and Native Americans.
- Spinelli, Jerry** FIC Spi ***Stargirl***
16 year old Leo loves Stargirl, even though she is different and the other students make fun of her.
- Sparks, Nicholas** FIC Spa ***A Walk to Remember***
Total opposites Landon and Jamie struggle to keep their love strong despite disapproval and secrets.

Students entering English 9 R, English 10 R, English 11 R, Composition and Literature 12, ELA 12, English 12 Transitions must read 3 books from the grade appropriate summer reading list.