



Hingham Public Schools Summer Reading
Students Entering Grade 10
Summer 2018

Instructions: All students entering grade 10 are expected to read the required text and one selection from the list of choices.

Essential Questions: Use these questions to guide your reading. See Grade 10 Note Template on the website.

- What is culture, and how are we able to understand and analyze it through its various byproducts such as literature, film, and art?
1. How does our world view as Americans affect our understanding of other cultures?
 2. How do important historical or political shifts affect the lives of the people in a culture or society?
 3. Which aspects of culture are universal throughout all societies?
 4. How can we identify if the text or materials represent bias, stereotypes, or inaccurate information about a culture?

Required Text for Grade 10			
Author	Title	Synopsis	Global Area
Adichie	<i>Purple Hibiscus</i>	Adichie's novel tells the compelling story of fifteen-year-old Kambili. She is the dutiful daughter of a rich man, a religious fanatic and domestic tyrant who has the public image of a politically courageous newspaper publisher and philanthropist. When a widowed aunt takes an interest in Kambili, her family begins to unravel and re-form itself in unpredictable ways. Amazon.com Review	Nigeria
Grade 10 Choices (Select 1)			
Allende	<i>City of the Beasts</i>	Fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold is about to join his fearless grandmother on the trip of a lifetime. An International Geographic Expedition is headed to the dangerous, remote wilds of South America, on a mission to document the legendary Yeti of the Amazon known as the Beast. But there are many secrets hidden in the unexplored wilderness, as Alex and his new friend Nadia soon discover. Amazon.com (product description)	Chile
Alvarez	<i>In the Time of the Butterflies</i>	It is November 25, 1960, and three beautiful sisters have been found near their wrecked Jeep at the bottom of a 150-foot cliff on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. The official state newspaper reports their deaths as accidental. It does not mention that a fourth sister lives. Nor does it explain that the sisters were among the leading opponents of Gen. Rafael Leonidas Trujillo's dictatorship. It doesn't have to. Everybody knows of Las Mariposas—"The Butterflies." Amazon.com (product description)	Dominican Republic
Eire	<i>Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy</i>	In the early nineteen-sixties, an operation called Pedro Pan deposited more than fourteen thousand Cuban children, without their parents, in Miami. Eire, now a professor at Yale, was one of them. In his deeply moving memoir Eire delivers unsparing indictments of practically everyone concerned, including himself. From The New Yorker	Cuba

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Fugard	<i>Tsotsi</i>	A young man running with a criminal gang on the streets of Johannesburg, Tsotsi - a nickname meaning thug - is immersed in a world of violence that seems to leave him unaffected, until he discovers an infant in the backseat of a car he has stolen.	South Africa
Hall	<i>The Case of the Missing Servant</i>	Meet Vish Puri, India's most private investigator. Portly, persistent, and unmistakably Punjabi, he cuts a determined swath through modern India's swindlers, cheats, and murderers. Puri's main work comes from screening prospective marriage partners, a job once the preserve of aunties and family priests. But when an honest public litigator is accused of murdering his maidservant, it takes all of Puri's resources to investigate. Amazon.com (product description)	India
Kim	<i>Lost Names: Scenes from a Korean Boyhood</i>	Kim's fictionalized memoir tells the story of one family's experience during the Japanese occupation of Korea. The narrative starts in 1933 with a dramatic river crossing into Manchuria. By 1938 the family has moved back to Korea, where they must bow their heads toward the Japanese emperor and then renounce their family names and take Japanese ones instead. <i>Lost Names</i> is a beautifully written tribute to the people of Korea, mingling the experiences of childhood with the history of the occupation. Amazon.com Review	Korea
Kwok	<i>Girl in Translation</i>	When Kimberly Chang and her mother emigrate from Hong Kong to Brooklyn squalor, she begins a secret double life: exceptional schoolgirl during the day, Chinatown sweatshop worker in the evenings. Disguising the more difficult truths of her life, Kimberly learns to constantly translate not just her language but also herself back and forth between the worlds she straddles. Amazon.com Review	China USA
See	<i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i>	Set in remote 19th-century China, this novel details the story of lifelong friends Lily and Snow Flower. See's in-depth research into women's ceremonies and duties brings fascinating revelations about arranged marriages, women's inferior status in both their natal and married homes, and the Confucian proverbs and myriad superstitions that informed daily life in China's rural interior. From Publishers Weekly	China
Sidhwa	<i>Cracking India</i>	The 1947 Partition of India is the backdrop for this powerful novel, narrated by a precocious child who is kept out of school because she suffers from polio. She spends her days with Ayah, her beautiful nanny, visiting with the large group of admirers that Ayah draws. In the company of these working class characters Lenny learns about religious differences, religious intolerance, and genocidal strife on the eve of Partition. By turns hilarious and heartbreaking, the domestic drama serves as a microcosm for a profound political upheaval. Amazon.com product description	India
Solzhenitsyn	<i>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i>	Solzhenitsyn's first book, this economical, relentless novel is one of the most forceful artistic indictments of political oppression in the Stalin-era Soviet Union. The simply told story of a typical, grueling day of the titular character's life in a labor camp in Siberia, is a modern classic of Russian literature and quickly cemented Solzhenitsyn's international reputation upon publication in 1962. Amazon.com Review	Russia