

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

**SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR  
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 10**

**Balducci, David.** *Wish You Well.*

Louisa Mae Cardinal adjusts to life in the rural Virginia of the 1940s. This is the Virginia Department of Education selection for All America Reads Project, 2001.

**Catton, Bruce.** *A Stillness at Appomattox.*

Catton gives an account of the resolution of the Civil War and the actions of its two leaders, General Ulysses S. Grant and General Robert E. Lee.

**Chevalier, Tracy.** *Girl With a Pearl Earring.*

With the precision and focus of an Old Master's painting, *Girl With a Pearl Earring* paints a vivid portrait of colorful 17<sup>th</sup>-century Delft, as well as the hauntingly poignant story of one young girl's rite of passage.

**Criddle, JoAn.** *To Destroy You is No Loss.*

Criddle tells the true story of one prominent Cambodian family's struggle to survive the unprecedented brutality of the Pol Pot's communist regime.

**Crowe, Chris.** *Getting Away With Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case.*

The 1955 kidnapping and murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till in Mississippi is famous as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement. In clear, vivid detail Crowe investigates the before-and-aftermath of the crime, as well as the dramatic court trial, and places it into the context of the nascent Civil Rights Movement.

**Grisham, John.** *Bleachers.*

High school All-American Neely Crenshaw was probably the best quarterback ever to play for the legendary Messina Spartans. Fifteen years have gone by since those glory days, and Neely has come home to Messina to buy Coach Eddie Rake, the man who molded the Spartans into an unbeatable football dynasty. Now as Coach Rake's "boys" sit in the bleachers waiting for the dimming field lights to signal his passing, they replay the old games, relieve the old glories, and try to decide once and for all whether they love Eddie Rake—or hate him. For Neely Crenshaw, a man who must finally forgive his coach—and himself—before he can get on with his life, the stakes are especially high.

**Hillerman, Tony.** *Listening Woman.*

An old man and a high school girl are found murdered after a Navajo spiritual ceremony. Lt. Joe of the Navajo tribal police uses his cultural insight to solve the interesting mysteries

**Holliday, Laurel. *Children in the Holocaust and World War II.***

Excerpts from 23 diaries provide vivid glimpses into the lives and thoughts of European teens of 50 years ago.

**Klass, David. *Danger Zone.***

Jimmy Doyle is an accomplished basketball player from a small town who finds himself faced with hate and racist views when he accepts an offer to play for the American dream team.

**Potok, Chaim. *The Chosen.***

In a rivalry between two Jewish Boys' schools, possible hostility results in friendship and understanding.

**Preston, Richard. *The Hot Zone.***

The deadly Ebola virus breaks out in Africa and in Reston, Virginia.

**Sebold, Alice. *The Lovely Bones.***

The spirit of 14-year-old Susie Salmon describes her murder, her surprise at her new home in heaven and her witness to her family's grief, efforts to find her killer and attempts to come to terms with what has happened.