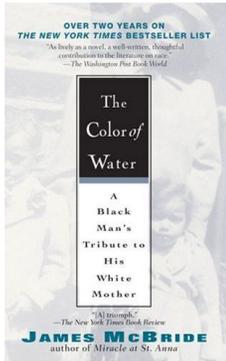
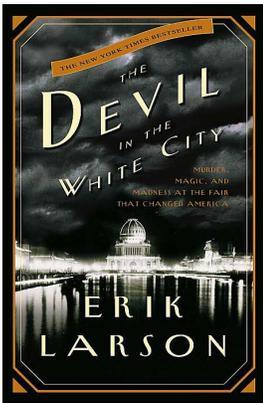


SCHS LANGUAGE ARTS SUMMER READING 2020

Language Arts Summer Reading will look a little bit different this year than in years past. This year, each student, depending on the course they are enrolled in, will read the same book. This book will be the subject-matter of the first unit of study for the year. It will be important that they have read the book so they understand the content being taught. There is a PDF of each book through the Internet Archive website. You can create a free account and borrow the books for 14 days. You can also purchase a copy to write in as you read.

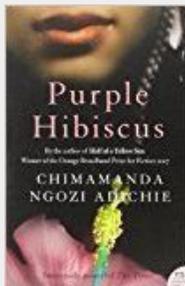


9th Grade College Prep/READ180: *The Color of Water* by James McBride. From Goodreads: “ Interspersed throughout his mother's compelling narrative, McBride shares candid recollections of his own experiences as a mixed-race child of poverty, his flirtations with drugs and violence, and his eventual self-realization and professional success. *The Color of Water* touches readers of all colors as a vivid portrait of growing up, a haunting meditation on race and identity, and a lyrical valentine to a mother from her son.” A PDF can be found here: https://archive.org/details/colorofwaterblac00mcbr_0



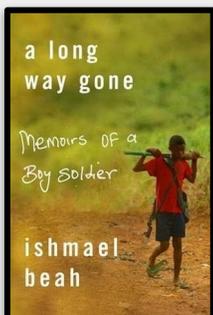
9th Grade Honors: *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. From Goodreads: “*The Devil in the White City* draws the reader into a time of magic and majesty, made all the more appealing by a supporting cast of real-life characters, including Buffalo Bill, Theodore Dreiser, Susan B. Anthony, Thomas Edison, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, and others. In this book the smoke, romance, and mystery of the Gilded Age come alive as never before.” PDF can be found here:

<https://archive.org/details/devilinwhitecity00lars>



10th Grade College Prep/READ180: *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. From Goodreads: “This is a book about the promise of freedom; about the blurred lines between childhood and adulthood; between love and hatred, between the old gods and the new.” PDF can be found here:

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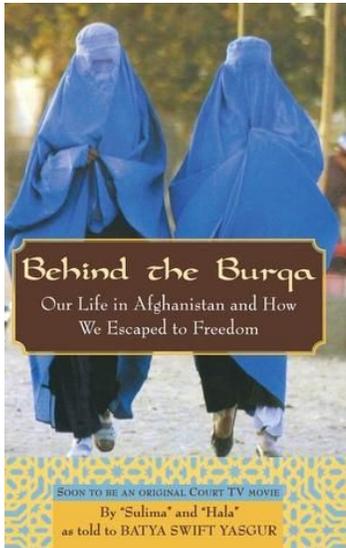


10th Grade Honors: *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah. From Goodreads: “In *A Long Way Gone*, Beah, now twenty-five years old, tells a riveting story: how at the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. By thirteen, he'd been picked up by the government army, and Beah, at heart a gentle boy, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts. This is a rare and mesmerizing account, told with real literary force and heartbreaking honesty.”

PDF can be found here: <https://archive.org/details/longwaygonememoi00beah>



American Literature: *How to Hang a Witch* by Adriana Mather. From Goodreads: "It's the Salem Witch Trials meets *Mean Girls* in a debut novel from one of the descendants of Cotton Mather, where the trials of high school start to feel like a modern day witch hunt for a teen with all the wrong connections to Salem's past." PDF can be found here: <https://readanybook.com/online/621898>



Multicultural Literature *Behind the Burqa: Our Life in Afghanistan and How We Escaped to Freedom* by Batya Swift Yasgur (As Told to), Sulima and Hala.

"Whenever and wherever adults make war, children die and women are subjected to fear and humiliation. This is true of Afghanistan too. Read this harrowing book. The tragic yet heroic tale of two women is told with great simplicity. They will haunt you."

-Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

PDF Can be found here:

<https://archive.org/details/behindburqaourli0000yasg/page/10>

You will have to borrow the book from the online platform.

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It is always recommended to purchase your own copy of the book so you can write in it as you read. We hope you enjoy these books. We look forward to having you in our classes next year!