

Teacher (Last Name)	Title and author of book	Brief summary
Secura	<i>The Hate You Give</i> --Angie Thomas	<p>“Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. What everyone wants to know is: what <b>really</b> went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.” <i>This book addresses controversial issues of interest to many adolescents and includes scenes and language that reflect mature content.</i></p>
Imbarus	<i>Out of the Transylvania Night</i> --Aura Imbarus	<p>Dr. Aura Imbarus vividly details Christmas Day 1989, when she, her parents and hundreds of shoppers drew sudden sniper fire as Romania descended into the violence of a revolution that challenged one of the most draconian regimes in the Soviet bloc. Aura recalls a grisly execution that rocked the world and led to five harrowing days of bloody chaos as she and her family struggled to survive. The next day, Communist-controlled television released photos showing that dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife had been assassinated—though many Romanians, the author included, believed the executions had been staged since Ceausescu was known for using stand-ins to pose for him. Nevertheless, Aura tries to convince herself that life post-revolution will be different, but little changes. On May 7, 1997, with two pieces of luggage and a powerful dream, Aura and her new husband flee to America.</p>
Cunningham	<i>Hollow City</i> by Ransom Riggs	<p>From amazon: Like its predecessor, this second novel in the Peculiar Children series blends thrilling fantasy with vintage photography to create a one-of-a-kind reading experience.</p> <p>September 3, 1940. Ten peculiar children flee an army of deadly monsters. And only one person can help them—but she’s trapped in the body of a bird. The extraordinary journey that began in <i>Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children</i> continues as Jacob Portman and his newfound friends journey to London, the peculiar capital of the world. There, they hope to find a cure for their beloved headmistress, Miss Peregrine. But in this war-torn city, hideous surprises lurk</p>

		<p>around every corner. And before Jacob can deliver the peculiar children to safety, he must make an important decision about his love for Emma Bloom.</p>
Hecht	<p><i>Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury</p>	<p><b>** Students may check out a copy of <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> from West High’s textbook window. Please bring your ID card when checking out. **</b></p> <p>Ray Bradbury’s internationally acclaimed novel <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> is a masterwork of twentieth-century literature set in a bleak, dystopian future.</p> <p>Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, where television rules and literature is on the brink of extinction, firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden.</p> <p>Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television “family.” But then he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn’t live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television.</p> <p>When Mildred attempts suicide and Clarisse suddenly disappears, Montag begins to question everything he has ever known. He starts hiding books in his home, and when his pilfering is discovered, the fireman has to run for his life.</p>
Welch 3300	<p>William Shakespeare’s <i>The Empire Striketh Back</i> (<i>Star Wars</i> Part The Fifth) by Ian Doescher</p>	<p>(From the Prologue) <b>CHORUS:</b> O, ‘tis for the Rebellion a dark time. For though they have the Death Star all destroy’d, Imperi’l troops did from the ashes climb And push the rebels closer to the void. Across the galaxy pursu’d with speed, The rebels flee th’Imperi’l Starfleet vast. A group with Luke Skywalker in the lead Hath to the ice world known as Hoth flown fast. Meanwhile, the cruel Darth Vader is obsess’d With finding young Skywalker. Thus he hath Through ev’ry point of space begun his quest By sending robot probes to aid his wrath.</p>

		In time so long ago begins our play, In war-torn galaxy far, far away.
Angell	<i>Let Me List the Ways</i> --Sarah White (West High Alumnus)	<p>Paperback and e-book available August 7, 2018. The author will join our discussion in September.</p> <p>Mackenzie Clark has been best friends with Nolan Walker for as long as she can remember. She's shared everything with him, from adventures with their families and days lounging at the beach to long talks about their friends and her journey with type 1 diabetes. The only thing she hasn't shared is the fact that she is in love with him. Now in their senior year of high school, Mackenzie and Nolan know that in a few short months everything will change as they head off to different colleges. Determined to make the most of the time they still have left, they come up with a list of things they want to do together before graduation. But as they make their way through everything from toilet papering the school bully's house to having a backyard camp-out like the ones they had when they were kids, Mackenzie can't help feeling that she's left the most important thing off the list: telling Nolan how she feels. Confessing her love could jeopardize the incredible relationship they already have. Is honesty really the best policy?</p>
Reyes	<i>Marine! The Life of Chesty Puller</i> by Burke Davis	From commanding the Horse Marines in China to leading the Inchon landing in Korea, Chesty Puller became a legend in his own time. This is a no-holds-barred biography of a courageous American hero--the only Marine in history ever to win five Navy Crosses. He participated in three wars for this country. He is a true inspiration for me.
Martin	<i>Just Mercy</i> by Bryan Stevenson	<p>** Students may check out a copy of <i>Just Mercy</i> from West High's textbook window. Please bring your ID card when checking out. **</p> <p>From SuperSummary.com: <i>Part memoir, part exhortation for much-needed reform to the American criminal justice system, Bryan Stevenson's Just Mercy is a heartrending and inspirational call to arms written by the activist lawyer who founded the Equal Justice Initiative, an Alabama-based organization responsible for freeing or reducing the sentences of</i></p>

		<p>scores of wrongfully convicted individuals. Stevenson's memoir weaves together personal stories from his years as a lawyer into a strong statement against racial and legal injustice, drawing a clear throughline from slavery and its legacy to today's still-prejudiced criminal justice system.</p>
Sprague	<i>The 57 Bus</i> by Dashka Slater	<p>From Amazon.com:  One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. One moment that changes both of their lives forever. If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight. <i>This book addresses controversial issues of interest to many adolescents and includes scenes and language that reflect mature content.</i></p>
C. Evans	<i>The Dalai Lama's Cat</i>	<p>Author: David Miche If I had to summarize <a href="#"><i>The Dalai Lama's Cat</i></a> in just a few words, they would be "Buddhism 101, brought to you by an adorable cat." But these few words wouldn't do this charming book justice. While this warm-hearted story of a small kitten rescued from the slums of New Delhi through fortuitous circumstances may be a little contrived, it's also utterly delightful.</p> <p>When the Dalai Lama, who is on his way home in a limo, having just returned from a trip to America, sees a kitten being thrown into the gutter, he dispatches a staff member to rescue the kitten. If you've ever wondered what it would be like living with the Dalai Lama, now you'll be able to find out. Through the cat's eyes, and narrated in her voice, the reader gets a close up view of the Dalai Lama's inner sanctum and household. Much loved and spoiled by the Dalai Lama and his entire staff, Mousie-Tung, also known as HHC (His Holiness' Cat), and dubbed "Little Snow Lion" by the Dalai Lama himself, encounters Hollywood stars,</p>

		<p>Buddhist masters, famous self-help authors and many others who come to visit His Holiness. The little cat soaks up the Dalai Lama's teachings simply by being in close proximity to his light.</p>
Altenberg	<i>The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens</i>	<p>From the back cover: "Imagine you had a roadmap – a step-by-step guide to help you get from where you are now to where you want to be in the future. Your goals, your dreams, your plans... They are all within reach. You just need the tools to help you get there... [The book is] A handbook to self-esteem and success... [and] provides a simple approach to help teens improve self image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, Achieve their goals, and get along with their parents – as well as tackle the new challenges of our time, like cyber bowling and social media."</p> <p>Take the STEPS in each section: This book will change your life!!!</p>
Lopez	<i>The Nightingale</i> by Kristin Hannah	<p>From Amazon: With courage, grace, and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. <i>The Nightingale</i> tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.</p>
Cheung. C	<i>A Short History of the Girl Next Door</i> by Jared Reck	<p>** The author will take questions! Please e-mail any and all questions you have for Jared Reck to Mr. Cheung (<a href="mailto:cheung.carsten@tUSD.org">cheung.carsten@tUSD.org</a>) by 9/14/2018. **</p> <p>From Amazon:  Matt Wainwright is constantly sabotaged by the overdramatic movie director in his head. He can't tell his best friend, Tabby, how he really feels about her, he implodes on the JV basketball team, and the only place he feels normal is in Mr. Ellis's English class. If this were a movie, everything would work out perfectly. Tabby would discover that Matt's madly in love with her, be overcome with emotion, and would fall into his arms. Maybe in the rain.</p>

		<p>But that's not how it works. Matt watches Tabby get swept away by senior basketball star and all-around great guy Liam Branson. Losing Tabby to Branson is bad enough, but screwing up and losing her as a friend is even worse.</p> <p>After a tragic accident, Matt finds himself left on the sidelines, on the verge of spiraling out of control and losing everything that matters to him. From debut author Jared Reck comes a fiercely funny and heart-wrenching novel about love, longing, and what happens when life as you know it changes in an instant.</p> <p><i>This book contains language that some may find inappropriate.</i></p>
Hall	<i>Educated: A Memoir</i> by Tara Westover	<p>Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills" bag. In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged metal in her father's junkyard.</p> <p>Her father distrusted the medical establishment, so Tara never saw a doctor or nurse. Gashes and concussions, even burns from explosions, were all treated at home with herbalism. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when an older brother became violent.</p> <p>When another brother got himself into college and came back with news of the world beyond the mountain, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. She taught herself enough mathematics, grammar, and science to take the ACT and was admitted to Brigham Young University. There, she studied psychology, politics, philosophy, and history, learning for the first time about pivotal world events like the Holocaust and the Civil Rights Movement. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.</p>
Yang, P	<i>Game of Thrones: A Song of Fire and Ice</i>	<p>From Amazon:  Long ago, in a time forgotten, a preternatural event threw the seasons out of balance. In a land where summers can</p>

	(Book #1)	<p>last decades and winters a lifetime, trouble is brewing. The cold is returning, and in the frozen wastes to the north of Winterfell, sinister forces are massing beyond the kingdom's protective Wall. To the south, the king's powers are failing—his most trusted adviser dead under mysterious circumstances and his enemies emerging from the shadows of the throne. At the center of the conflict lie the Starks of Winterfell, a family as harsh and unyielding as the frozen land they were born to. Now Lord Eddard Stark is reluctantly summoned to serve as the king's new Hand, an appointment that threatens to sunder not only his family but the kingdom itself.</p> <p>Sweeping from a harsh land of cold to a summertime kingdom of epicurean plenty, <i>A Game of Thrones</i> tells a tale of lords and ladies, soldiers and sorcerers, assassins and bastards, who come together in a time of grim omens. Here an enigmatic band of warriors bear swords of no human metal; a tribe of fierce wildlings carry men off into madness; a cruel young dragon prince barter his sister to win back his throne; a child is lost in the twilight between life and death; and a determined woman undertakes a treacherous journey to protect all she holds dear. Amid plots and counter-plots, tragedy and betrayal, victory and terror, allies and enemies, the fate of the Starks hangs perilously in the balance, as each side endeavors to win that deadliest of conflicts: the game of thrones.</p>
Heinrich	<i>Zero Regrets: Be Greater than Yesterday</i>	<p>From Amazon: Gold medal-winning Olympic speed skater Apolo Ohno shares the inspiring personal story behind his enduring success as an elite athlete and reveals the universal life lessons he has learned through his training and competition.</p> <p>“Zero regrets. It’s a philosophy not just about sport but about life. School, business, academics, love—anything and everything. It’s complicated and yet not. You have to figure out who it is you want to be. Not what you want to be—<i>who</i>. There has to be a vision, a dream, a plan. Then you chase that with everything you’ve got.” victories.</p> <p>In this deeply personal and entertaining book, Apolo shows how we can all come closer to living with zero regrets. While Apolo’s own journey may be unique, the insights he has gleaned along the way have the power to help us all feel like champions every day.</p>

<p>J.Kim</p>	<p><i>CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN NIGHT-TIME</i> by Mark Haddon</p>	<p>From Amazon: A bestselling modern classic—both poignant and funny—about a boy with autism who sets out to solve the murder of a neighbor's dog and discovers unexpected truths about himself and the world.</p> <p>Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's <i>The Great American Read</i></p> <p>Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow.</p> <p>This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years.</p>
<p>Thompson</p>	<p><i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> Margaret Atwood</p>	<p>From Library Journal</p> <p>In a startling departure from her previous novels ( <i>Lady Oracle</i> , <i>Surfacing</i> ), respected Canadian poet and novelist Atwood presents here a fable of the near future. In the Republic of Gilead, formerly the United States, far-right Schlafly/Falwell-type ideals have been carried to extremes in the monotheocratic government. The resulting society is a feminist's nightmare: women are strictly controlled, unable to have jobs or money and assigned to various classes: the chaste, childless Wives; the housekeeping Marthas; and the reproductive Handmaids, who turn their offspring over to the "morally fit" Wives. The tale is told by Offred (read: "of Fred"), a Handmaid who recalls the past and tells how the chilling society came to be. This powerful, memorable novel is highly recommended for most libraries. BOMC featured alternate. Ann H. Fisher, Radford P.L., Va.</p> <p>Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc.</p>
<p>Francioni</p>	<p><i>The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared</i></p>	<p>A reluctant centenarian much like Forrest Gump (if Gump were an explosives expert with a fondness for vodka) decides it's not too late to start over . . .</p> <p>After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. The only</p>

	<p>By Jonas Jonasson</p>	<p>problem is that he's still in good health, and in one day, he turns 100. A big celebration is in the works, but Allan really isn't interested (and he'd like a bit more control over his vodka consumption). So he decides to escape. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey, involving, among other surprises, a suitcase stuffed with cash, some unpleasant criminals, a friendly hot-dog stand operator, and an elephant (not to mention a death by elephant).</p> <p>It would be the adventure of a lifetime for anyone else, but Allan has a larger-than-life backstory: Not only has he witnessed some of the most important events of the twentieth century, but he has actually played a key role in them. Starting out in munitions as a boy, he somehow finds himself involved in many of the key explosions of the twentieth century and travels the world, sharing meals and more with everyone from Stalin, Churchill, and Truman to Mao, Franco, and de Gaulle.</p> <p><i>This book addresses controversial issues of interest to many adolescents and includes scenes and language that reflect mature content.</i></p>
<p>Chambers</p>	<p><i>Insignificant Events In the Life of a Cactus</i> By Dusty Bowling</p>	<p>From Amazon: Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again.</p> <p>Her new life takes an unexpected turn when she bonds with Connor, a classmate who also feels isolated because of his own disability, and they discover a room at Stagecoach Pass that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined. It's hard to solve a mystery, help a friend, and face your worst fears. But Aven's about to discover she can do it all . . . even without arms.</p>
<p>Kahlon</p>	<p><i>Murder at Cape Three Points</i></p>	<p>From Amazon: Accra's hotshot Detective Inspector Darko Dawson returns to solve a complex mystery that will take him out of the city to the beautiful coasts of Ghana, where a grim double-murder seems to have larger political implications.</p>

		<p>A canoe washes up at a Ghanaian off-shore oil rig site. Inside it are the bodies of a prominent, wealthy couple, Charles and Fiona Smith-Aidoo, who have been ritualistically murdered. Pillars in their community, they are mourned by everyone, but especially by their niece Sapphire. She is not happy that months have passed since the murder and the local police have made no headway in figuring out who committed the gruesome crime.</p> <p>Detective Inspector Darko Dawson of the Accra police force is sent out to Cape Three Points to investigate. The more he learns about the case, the more convoluted it becomes. Three Points has long been occupied by traditional fishing populations, but real estate entrepreneurs and wealthy oil companies have been trying to bribe the indigenous inhabitants to move out. Dawson unearths a host of motives for murder, ranging from personal vendettas to corporate conspiracies.</p>
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