

Summer Reading -- Harbor High

2013 Assignments -- Check your class syllabus. Some titles are optional.

Intensive English 1

[Warriors don't cry](#)

by Beals, Melba Patillo

BIO BEALS

*REQUIRED. Searing memoir of the battle to integrate Little Rock's Central High.

*

Intensive English 2

[Animals make us human](#)

by Grandin, Temple

636.0832 GRA

CHOOSE ONE. Drawing on the latest research and her own work, animal advocate Temple Grandin, drawing on her own experience with autism, identifies the core emotional needs of animals and explains how to fulfill them for dogs and cats, horses, farm animals, and zoo animals.

[Black Boy](#)

by Wright, Richard

BIOGRAPHY WRIGHT

*CHOOSE ONE. Wright's unforgettable and eloquent autobiography of growing up in the Jim Crow South offers an unsurpassed portrait of the struggles against the ingrained racism and poverty faced by African Americans.

*

[Ellen Foster](#)

by Gibbons, Kaye

FICTION

REQUIRED. Having suffered abuse and misfortune for much of her life, eleven-year-old orphan Ellen Foster refers to herself as "old Ellen" -- an old woman in a child's body. She searches for a better life and finally gets a break in the home of a loving woman with several foster children.

[Ghost map: The story of London's most terrifying epidemic and how it changed science, cities, and the modern world](#)

by Johnson, Steven

614.514 JOH

CHOOSE ONE. It's the summer of 1854, and London is just emerging as one of the first modern cities in the world. But lacking the infrastructure-garbage removal, clean water, sewers-necessary to support its rapidly expanding population, the city has become the perfect breeding ground for a terrifying disease no one knows how to cure. As the cholera outbreak takes hold, a physician and a local curate are spurred to action-and ultimately solve the most pressing medical riddle of their time.

[Guns, Germs, and Steel](#)

by Diamond, Jared

CHOOSE ONE. Jared Diamond convincingly argues that geographical and environmental factors shaped the modern world. Societies that had had a head start in food production advanced beyond the hunter-gatherer stage, and then developed religion --as well as nasty germs and potent weapons of war --and adventured on sea and land to conquer and decimate preliterate cultures.

[Hiroshima](#)

by Hersey, John

YA 940.544 & PBC CLASSICS HER

CHOOSE ONE. Hiroshima is the story of six human beings who lived through the greatest single manmade disaster in history. With what Bruce Bliven called "the simplicity of genius," John Hersey tells what these six -- a clerk, a widowed seamstress, a physician, a Methodist minister, a young surgeon, and a German Catholic priest -- were doing at 8:15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, when Hiroshima was destroyed by the first atomic bomb ever dropped on a city. Then he follows the course of their lives hour by hour, day by day.

[In My Hands: memories of a Holocaust rescuer](#)

by Opdyke, Irene

J 940.5318 OPD

*CHOOSE ONE. Recounts the experiences of the author who, as a young Polish girl, hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust.

*

[Into the Wild](#)

by Krakauer, Jon

BIO MCCANDLESS

CHOOSE ONE. In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. His name was Christopher Johnson McCandless. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself.

[Moneyball: the art of winning an unfair game](#)

by Lewis, Michael

796.357 LEW

CHOOSE ONE. Moneyball is a quest for the secret of success in baseball and a tale of the search for new baseball knowledge--insights that will give the little guy who is willing to discard old wisdom the edge over big money.

[Overdressed: The Shockingly High Cost of Cheap Fashion](#)

by Cline, Elizabeth L.

338.4774 CLI

CHOOSE ONE. The good news for shoppers is that cheap knockoffs of designer clothing can be found in discount stores almost instantly. The bad news is that "fast fashion" has killed America's garment industry and wreaked havoc on wages and the environment, especially in China, where most of the cheap clothes and textiles are now made.