



**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School
Grade 10
Summer Reading Requirement**

Dear Whittier Sophomores:

To prepare you for your high school writing program and the MCAS you will take your sophomore year, you are required to read at least one book from the following Summer Reading List (books are available at local libraries and bookstores including Borders, and Barnes & Noble). You are also required to complete the MCAS Long Composition Guide (see attached).

During your first week of school, you will work with your English teacher to complete a long composition on your book. The guiding questions and the completed essay will be the first grades of the term.

Have a great summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,

Your English Teachers

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School

Grade 10 Summer Reading List

Adventure and Survival

Title

The Perfect Storm
Young Men and Fire
Touching the Void

Author

Sebastian Junger
Norman Maclean
Joe Simpson

Autobiography and Memoir

The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child
Hole in My Life
Farewell to Manzanar

Francisco Jiminez
Jack Gantos
Jeanne Wakatsuki and
James D. Houston

Drama

Brighton Beach Memoirs
Lost in Yonkers
The Miracle Worker

Neil Simon
Neil Simon
William Gibson

Fantasy

A Wizard of Earthsea
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
Lord of the Rings

Ursula K. LeGuin
J. K. Rowling
J.R.R Tolkien

Historical Fiction

All Quiet on the Western Front
Fallen Angels
Heroes
Stones from the River
Al Capone Does My Shirts
A Lesson Before Dying

Enrich Maria Remarque
Walter Dean Myers
Robert Cormier
Ursula Hegi
Gennifer Choldenko
Ernest J. Gaines

Many Cultures, Many Realities

Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents
The House on Mango Street

Suzanne Fisher Staples
Julia Alvarez
Sandra Cisneros

Mystery

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency
The House of Dies Drear

Alexander McCall Smith
Virginia Hamilton

Politics and Social Conscience

The Adventures of Blue Avenger
In the Time of Butterflies

Norma Howe
Julia Alvarez

Realistic Fiction

Tears of the Tiger

Bean Trees

The Weight of Water

Yo Yolanda: Advice From the Expert

The Torch Runner

Sharon Mills Draper

Barbara Kingsolver

Anita Shreve

Kim Feltes

Dina Anastasio

Science Fiction

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Feed

Douglas Adams

M.T. Anderson

Spirituality

The Alchemist

Paulo Coelho

Trend-Setting Novels

The Catcher in the Rye

J.D. Salinger

Name _____ Date _____

**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School
MCAS Long Composition Guide**

Please complete the following MCAS Long Composition Guide, and bring it with you on your first day of school. It will count as your first homework grade of the term, as well as assist you in completing your long composition.

The title of my book is _____

The author is _____

The protagonist is _____

The antagonist is _____

Other important characters are _____

The setting (s) is/are _____

The conflict the protagonist struggles to solve is _____

The theme of the book is _____

Some important events in the story are _____
