



**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Grade 11  
Summer Reading Requirement**

Dear Whittier Juniors:

To prepare you for your high school writing program, 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 Composition Guide (see attached).

During your first week of school, you will work with your English teacher to complete a writing assignment 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 11 Summer Reading List

### Adventure and Survival

Title	Author
<i>Into Thin Air</i>	Jon Krakauer
<i>Life of Pi</i>	Yann Martel
<i>Lost Moon: The Perilous Voyage of Apollo 13</i>	Jim Lovell

### Autobiography and Memoir

<i>Running with Scissors</i>	Augusten Burroughs
<i>Angela's Ashes</i>	Frank McCourt
<i>The Bell Jar</i>	Sylvia Plath

### Drama

<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Lorraine Hansberry
<i>Rent</i>	Jonathan Larson

### Fantasy

<i>The Once and Future King</i>	T.H. White
<i>The Crystal Cave</i>	Mary Stewart
<i>Chamber of Secrets</i>	J.K. Rowling

### Historical Fiction

<i>Cold Mountain</i>	Charles Frazier
<i>To Kill a Mocking Bird</i>	Harper Lee
<i>In Country</i>	Bobbie Ann Mason
<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	F. Scott Fitzgerald

### Many Cultures, Many Realities

<i>The Joy Luck Club</i>	Amy Tan
<i>The Color Purple</i>	Alice Walker

### Mystery

<i>The Da Vinci Code</i>	Dan Brown
<i>The Beekeeper's Apprentice</i>	Laurie R. King
<i>Ghost Riders</i>	Sharyn McCrumb
<i>The Hunt for Red October</i>	Tom Clancy
<i>The Firm</i>	John Grisham

### Poetry and Poetic Novels

<i>Good Poems</i>	Garrison Keillor
<i>Things I have to Tell you: Poems and Writings by Teenage Girls</i>	Betsey Franco
<i>You Hear Me?: Poems and Writing by Teenage Boys</i>	Betsey Franco
<i>The Spoken Word Revolution: Slam, Hip-Hop &amp; the Poetry of a New Generation Earth-Shattering Poems</i>	Mark Eleveld

### Politics and Social Conscience

<i>The Kite Runner</i>	Khaled Hosseini
<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>	Ken Kesey

### Realistic Fiction

<i>The Joy Luck Club</i>	Amy Tan
<i>The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants</i>	Ann Brasharas

**Science Fiction**

*Fade*

*Dune*

*Brave New World*

Robert Cormier

Frank Herbert

Aldous Huxley

**Trend-Setting Novels**

*Monster*

Walter Dean Myers

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please complete the following Composition Guide. If you do not understand one of the terms, it is your responsibility to look it up in a dictionary and/or on the internet. Please bring this worksheet with you on your first day of school as 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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The setting (s) is/are \_\_\_\_\_

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The conflict the protagonist struggles to solve is \_\_\_\_\_

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The theme (main idea or lesson) of the book is \_\_\_\_\_

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Some important events in the story are \_\_\_\_\_

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