

**Saugus High School
Summer Reading List
Grade 11
2010**

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt

Unlikely heroes conquer fears, mend errors, and form life-long friendships.

The Cycle of the Werewolf by Stephen King

A town is terrorized by the monthly visitation of a werewolf who seems to know a great deal about its inhabitants.

The Honk and Holler Opening Soon by Billie Letts

The neon sign holds no promise until Vena Takes Horse and her three-legged dog begin to mix things up with the diner's owner, a Vietnam refugee, and the customers that populate a little, middle-of-nowhere Oklahoma town.

Look Me in the Eye...My Life with Asperger's by John Elder Robison

Though he grew up labeled a misfit and a problem child, the author, thanks to his mechanical skills, became a designer of special effects guitars for the rock band KISS and an engineer for a major toy/game manufacturer. At 40, he was diagnosed with Asperger's, which transformed his opinions and life.

A Member of the Wedding by Carson McCullers

A young girl, hoping to escape her drab life in a small Southern town, tries to adapt to adulthood too quickly.

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

The adventure of a man, miles from land in a small dory, who fights for survival as he tries to land a huge marlin.

Eleven Seconds by Travis Roy

The BU student whose first eleven seconds in a college game left him permanently paralyzed.

In My Hands by Irene Gut Opdyke

The inspiring story of a woman who experiences the horrors of Nazi occupation as she assists in the survival and escape of Jewish prisoners.

Blood Brothers by Michael Weisskopf

An American journalist learns first hand what the amputees endure on Ward 57 of the Walter Reed Hospital and the true meaning of bravery.

The Good Thief: A Novel by Hannah Tinti

Grave robbers, scam artists, thieves, and mysterious strangers hold Ren's future and quite possibly his unknown past, in their hands. Can he trust Benjamin Nab, who claims to be his brother, or is he the worst of the log?

The World Without Us by Alan Weisman

What would happen if the world's population gradually just disappeared and the earth was left to fend for itself? Would it be irony or justification?

English 32: Students are required to read a minimum of two books from the above list.

English 31: Students are required to read one book from the above list.

Although students are not required to take notes while reading, they should be familiar with and able to identify the title, author, characters, setting, plot, and theme(s) of the book(s) they have read.

During the first week of school, students will be tested on their summer reading, so notetaking or a reading response journal might be of value in September.