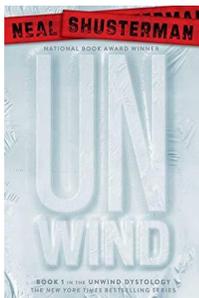




2021-2022 RISING NINTH GRADE HONORS GENRE STUDIES SUMMER READING

Students should read two books: one is a required title and the other selected from the list provided below.

Assignment



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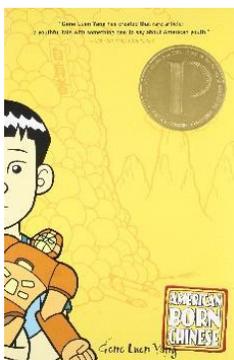
Unwind

By Neal Shusterman

TASK: Students should read the assigned text and expect activities within the first week of school such as discussions, writing assignments, and/or tests. Students will bring their hard copies to school on the first day. Please do not use digital copies (Kindle, etc.).

Pick ONE of the following:

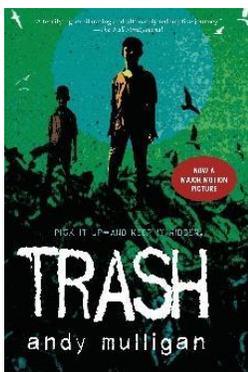
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American Born Chinese

By Gene Luen Yang

American Born Chinese (a graphic novel) tells the story of three apparently unrelated characters: Jin Wang, who moves to a new neighborhood with his family only to discover that he's the only Chinese-American student at his new school; the powerful Monkey King, subject of one of the oldest and greatest Chinese fables; and Chin-Kee, a personification of the ultimate negative Chinese stereotype, who is ruining his cousin Danny's life with his yearly visits.

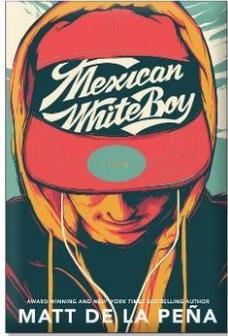


Trash

By Andy Mulligan

Raphael is a dumpsite boy. He spends his days wading through mountains of steaming trash, sifting it, sorting it, breathing it, sleeping next to it. Then one

unlucky-lucky day, Raphael's world turns upside down. A small leather bag falls into his hands. It's a bag of clues. It's a bag of hope. It's a bag that will change everything.

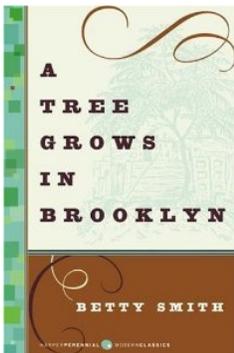


Mexican WhiteBoy **language and mature content present**

By Matt de la Peña

Danny's tall and skinny. Even though he's not built, his arms are long enough to give his baseball pitch a power so fierce any college scout would sign him on the spot. At his private school, they don't expect much else from him. Danny's brown. Half-Mexican brown. And growing up in San Diego that close to the border means everyone else knows exactly who he is before he even opens his mouth. Matt de la Peña's *Mexican WhiteBoy* is a story of friendship, acceptance, and the struggle to find

identity in a world of definitions.



A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

By Betty Smith

The beloved American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century, Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* is a poignant and moving tale filled with compassion and cruelty, laughter and heartache, crowded with life and people and incident. The story of young, sensitive, and idealistic Francie Nolan and her bittersweet formative years in the slums of Williamsburg has enchanted and inspired millions of readers for more than sixty years.