

## **2021 Suggested Summer Reading Honors 9**

In the 2021-2022 school year, students in Honors 9 will begin utilizing McGraw-Hill's StudySync curriculum incorporating excerpts and full texts while exploring a variety of themes.

During the summer months, all Honors students are encouraged to select a book from the attached list in preparation for English class. Please note that summer reading is NOT required; however, reading one of these texts and examining the author's style, use of language, and purpose for writing will give you invaluable practice at text analysis.

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### ***Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck**

"An intimate portrait of two men who cherish the slim bond between them and the dream they share in a world marred by petty tyranny, misunderstanding, jealousy, and callousness. Clinging to each other in their loneliness and alienation, George and his simple-minded friend Lennie dream, as drifters will, of a place to call their own—a couple of acres and a few pigs, chickens, and rabbits back in Hill Country where land is cheap. But after they come to work on a ranch in the fertile Salinas Valley of California, their hopes, like "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men," begin to go awry." (Goodreads.com)

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### ***Untwine* by Edwidge Danticat**

"Sixteen-year-old Giselle Boyer and her identical twin, Isabelle, are as close as sisters can be. They are each other's strongest source of support even as their family life seems to be unraveling and their parents are considering divorce. Then the Boyers have a tragic encounter that will shatter everyone's world forever. Giselle wakes up in a hospital room, injured and unable to speak or move. She doesn't know what's happened to her sister, to her family, to herself. Trapped in the prison of her own body, Giselle must revisit her past in order to

understand how the people closest to her—her friends, her parents, and above all, Isabelle—have shaped and defined her. Will she allow her love for her family and friends to buoy her and lead her on the path to recovery? Or will she remain lost in a painful spiral of longing and regret?" (Goodreads.com)

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### ***I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb**

" 'I come from a country that was created at midnight. When I almost died it was just after midday.' When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At sixteen, she has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate." (Goodreads.com)