Farragut High School Summer Reading 2019

Choose one book from this list that you are interested in reading (AP and Honors English students may also select their assigned English book, except for *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, but must also complete their assigned AP/Honors assignment for the book.) Then complete the assessment and relax! Have a great summer!

**The Love Letters of Abelard and Lily**

*By: Laura Creedle*

**Genre:** Fiction, Realistic Fiction  
**Pricing:** $7.40 on Amazon  
**Synopsis:** When Lily ditches her ADHD medication and lands in detention with Abelard, who has Asperger’s, she’s intrigued—Abelard seems thirty seconds behind, while she feels thirty seconds ahead. This hilarious, heartbreaking story of human connection between two teens is perfect for fans of *Eleanor and Park*.  
**Potentially Controversial Content:** kissing, language, and bullying.

**Iron Cast**

*By: Destiny Soria*

**Genre:** Fiction, Fantasy, Historical Fiction  
**Pricing:** $12.56 on Amazon  
**Synopsis:** It’s Boston, 1919, and the Cast Iron club is packed. On stage are hemopaths, whose “afflicted” blood gives them the ability to create illusions through art. When a job goes wrong and Ada is imprisoned, she realizes how precarious her position is. With the law closing in, Corinne and Ada are forced to hunt for answers, even as betrayal faces them at every turn.  
**Potentially Controversial Content:** language, alcohol consumption, kissing, and imprisonment/violence of specific groups.

**Love & War**

*By: Melissa De La Cruz*

**Genre:** Fiction, Historical Fiction  
**Pricing:** $12.28 on Amazon  
**Synopsis:** As the war for American independence rages on, Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler begin their new life as a married couple. Still, Alex is as determined as ever to prove his mettle and secure his legacy. When the war unexpectedly arrives on Eliza’s doorstep, she must fight for a better future—for their fledgling country and for her marriage.  
**Potentially Controversial Content:** kissing and romance, violence, mention of alcoholism, alcohol consumption.
Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation
By: Ari Folman, Anne Frank

Genre: Non-Fiction, Biography
Pricing: $14.88 on Amazon
Synopsis: A timeless story rediscovered by each new generation, The Diary of a Young Girl stands without peer. For both young readers and adults it continues to capture the remarkable spirit of Anne Frank, who for a time survived the worst horror the modern world has seen—and who remained triumphantly and heartbreakingly human throughout her ordeal.
Potentially Controversial Content: kissing, struggles with puberty, violence, depiction of Holocaust, and LGBTQ content.

Dry
By: Neal Shusterman & Jarrod Shusterman

Genre: Fiction, Dystopian Fiction
Pricing: $12.91 on Amazon
Synopsis: The drought—or the Tap-Out—has been going on for a while now. Everyone’s lives have become an endless list of don’ts: don’t water the lawn, don’t fill up your pool, don’t take long showers—until the taps run dry. Suddenly, Alyssa’s quiet suburban street spirals into a war zone of desperation.
Potentially Controversial Content: language, violence of dystopian world, and mention of sexual relations.

The Best Possible Answer
By: E. Katherine Kottaras

Genre: Fiction, Realistic Fiction
Pricing: $16.22 on Amazon
Synopsis: Viviana “Vivi” Rabinovich-Lowe is a high academic achiever who is under constant pressure from her father to be perfect. Authentic, gripping, and emotional, The Best Possible Answer is a study in mistakes—how they define us, and how they don’t.
Potentially Controversial Content: mention of sending inappropriate images, language, and kissing.
Pride
By: Ibi Zoboi

Genre: Fiction
Pricing: $8.00 on Amazon
Synopsis: Zuri Benitez has pride. Brooklyn pride, family pride, and pride in her Afro-Latino roots. But pride might not be enough to save her rapidly gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable. When the wealthy Darcy family moves in across the street, Zuri wants nothing to do with their two teenage sons, even as her older sister, Janae, starts to fall for the charming Ainsley. It’s Pride and Prejudice for a modern audience.
Potentially Controversial Content: language, mention of sending inappropriate photos, violence and kissing.

We Are Displaced
By: Malala Yousafzai

Genre: Non-Fiction
Pricing: $12.52 on Amazon
Synopsis: In her powerful new book, Nobel Peace Prize winner and New York Times-bestselling author Malala Yousafzai not only explores her own story, but also shares the personal stories of some of the incredible girls she has met on her journeys -- girls who have lost their community, relatives, and often the only world they’ve ever known.
Potentially Controversial Content: violence, trauma, oppression, description of refugee experience, and religious viewpoint.

Bridge of Clay
By: Markus Zusak

Genre: Fiction, Realistic Fiction
Pricing: $8.91 on Amazon
Synopsis: As the Dunbar boys love and fight and learn to reckon with the adult world, they discover the moving secret behind their father’s disappearance. At the center of the Dunbar family is Clay, a boy who will build a bridge—for his family, for his past, for greatness, for his sins, for a miracle. The question is, how far is Clay willing to go?
Potentially Controversial Content: kissing, mention of sexual relations, alcohol consumption, smoking, violence and bullying.
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them The Original Screenplay
By: J.K. Rowling

Genre: Fiction, Fantasy
Pricing: $9.99 on Amazon
Synopsis: When Magizoologist Newt Scamander arrives in New York, he intends his stay to be just a brief stopover. However, when his magical case is misplaced and some of Newt’s fantastic beasts escape, it spells trouble for everyone...
Potentially Controversial Content: witchcraft, supernatural beings, language, violence, and alcohol.

The Vanishing Stair
By: Maureen Johnson

Genre: Fiction, Mystery
Pricing: $7.69 on Amazon
Synopsis: In New York Times bestselling author Maureen Johnson’s second novel in the Truly Devious series, there are more twists and turns than Stevie Bell can imagine. No answer is given freely, and someone will pay for the truth with their life.
Potentially Controversial Content: language, violence, kissing, and LGBTQ content.

The Graveyard Book
By: Neil Gaiman

Genre: Fiction, Fantasy
Pricing: $8.99 on Amazon
Synopsis: Nobody Owens, known as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn’t live in a graveyard, being raised by ghosts, with a guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the dead. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, he will be in danger from the man Jack—who has already killed Bod’s family.
Potentially Controversial Content: violence, supernatural beings, and alcohol consumption.
Circe
By: Madeline Miller

Genre: Fiction, Mythology
Pricing: $11.59 on Amazon

Synopsis: In the house of Helios, god of the sun and mightiest of the Titans, a daughter is born. But Circe is a strange child—not powerful, like her father, nor viciously alluring like her mother. Turning to the world of mortals for companionship, she discovers that she does possess power—witchcraft, which can transform rivals into monsters and menace the gods.

Potentially Controversial Content: mythological characters and powers, violence, and mention of the conception of the Minotaur.

Children of Blood and Bone
By: Tomi Adeyemi

Genre: Fiction, Fantasy
Pricing: $9.20

Synopsis: Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orïsha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zélie’s Reaper mother summoned forth souls. Everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope. Now Zélie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy.

Potentially Controversial Content: violence, kissing, language, magic, teens drinking "malt", and mention of smoking.

Never Quit
By: Jimmy Settle & Don Rearden

Genre: Non-Fiction, Biography
Pricing: $9.98 on Amazon

Synopsis: This is the true story of how Jimmy Settle, an Alaskan shoe store clerk, became a Special Forces Operator and war hero. After being shot in the head during a dangerous high mountain operation in Afghanistan, Jimmy returns to battle with his teammates for a heroic rescue, the bullet fragments stitched over and still in his skull.

Potentially Controversial Content: inappropriate joke, language, and reference to shaving areas for surgery.