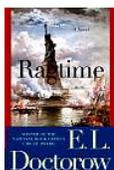


Packer Collegiate Institute Summer Reading List 2014

10th Grade Required Reading:



Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow

The lives of three remarkable families become entwined with Henry Ford, Harry Houdini, J.P. Morgan, Theodore Dreiser, Sigmund Freud, and Emiliano Zapata at the turn of the century.

11th Grade Required Reading:



Candide by Voltaire

The story of a simple, optimistic man whose travels take him from one disaster to another.

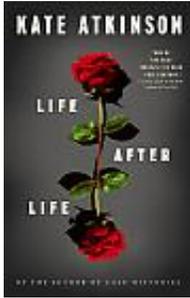
What are my Reading Choices?

Enclosed is your Summer Reading List. These books have been selected by your librarians and include a variety of genres and subjects. Incoming seniors should choose at least **THREE** titles from this list to read. Incoming sophomores and juniors should choose at least **TWO** titles from this list to read. At the end of the summer, you will need to write a letter to your new advisor. (Your advisor's name will be included with information sent to you in August from the Upper School office.) This letter is a great way to introduce yourself and talk about the books you read over the summer. Tell your advisor what you liked about the books you read - or what you didn't like. This letter should be about 200 words long and emailed to your advisor or delivered in person on the first day of school. Summer Reading advisor letters are due September 9, 2014.

You will find many of these books at Packer's Book Fair May 7th-May 9th. Your local library, bookstore, or ebook store is likely to carry the other titles. Enjoy your Summer and Happy Reading!

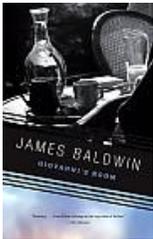
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Fiction & Non-Fiction



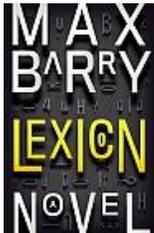
Life After Life by Kate Atkinson

On a cold and snowy night in 1910, Ursula Todd is born to an English banker and his wife. She dies before she can draw her first breath. On that same cold and snowy night, Ursula Todd is born, lets out a lusty wail, and embarks upon a life that will be, to say the least, unusual. For as she grows, she also dies, repeatedly, in a variety of ways, while the young century marches on towards its second cataclysmic world war. Does Ursula's apparently infinite number of lives give her the power to save the world from its inevitable destiny? And if she can -- will she?



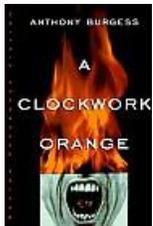
Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin

Set in the contemporary Paris of American expatriate liaisons, and violence, a young man finds himself caught between desire and conventional morality.



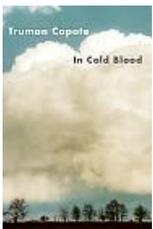
Lexicon by Max Barry

Emily Ruff belongs to a secret organization whose "poets" can break down individuals by psychographic markers in order to take control of their thoughts. Then she makes a catastrophic mistake and falls in love, breaking her organization's rules.



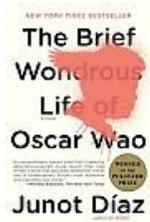
A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess

In the Slav-oriented state of the future, the Lower Orders are in ascendance and happy hooligans roam the London streets, bashing senior citizens in the eyes with bicycle chains.



In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

An account of the murders of the four members of the Clutter family in Holcomb, Kansas, in 1959 by two drifters who fled to Mexico and were later arrested and executed for their crimes.



The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Díaz

Overweight and nerdy Oscar lives with his Dominican American mother and sister in New Jersey and dreams of becoming a renowned author and finding true love, but unfortunately, a family curse stands in the way of his wishes.



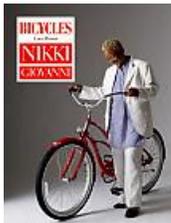
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

An unknown person has provided money for the education of Pip, a poor English boy, in nineteenth-century England.



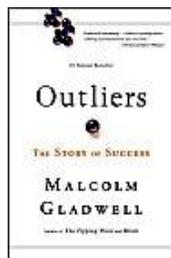
Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel

A romantic and poignant tale of love and family life in turn-of-the-century Mexico.



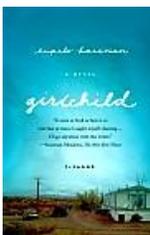
Bicycles: Love Poems by Nikki Giovanni

A collection of romantic-themed poetry from African-American poet Nikki Giovanni, and features the title selection along with "I am Jazz," "Your Shower," "Gray Clouds Hover," "Friends and Lovers," and others.



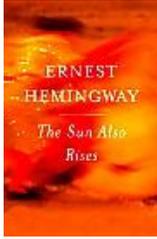
Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell

The author explores why some people are high achievers and others are not, citing culture, family, and upbringing as possible reasons some people are not as successful as others.



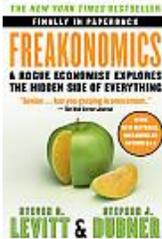
Girlchild by Tupelo Hassman

Follows the struggles of Rory Hendrix as she searches for a way out of her life of poverty at the Calle, a run-down Reno trailer park where she lives with her mother Jo, a hard-luck bartender at the Truck Stop.



Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

Focuses on a "lost generation" of Americans who fought in France during World War I and who expatriated themselves from America after the war.



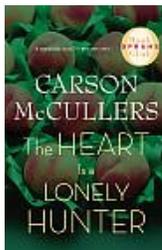
Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything by Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner

The authors explore the economics of real-world issues often viewed as insignificant, such as the extent to which the Roe v. Wade decision affected violent crime, and examine hidden incentives behind all sorts of human behavior.



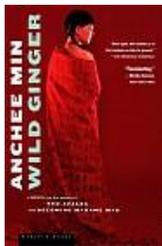
Call of the Cthulhu by H.P. Lovecraft

Short story of cosmic terror and demonic creatures.



The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers

A deaf mute who has lost his only friend to a hospital for the insane becomes the recipient of the confidences of several other town residents.



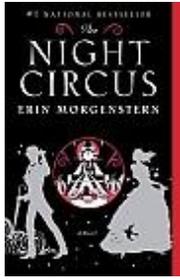
Wild Ginger by Anchee Min

Wild Ginger, subjected to the abuse of her classmates because of her half-French heritage, becomes a national hero of the Cultural Revolution when an act of bravery brings her to the attention of Chairman Mao, but her rise in the Party is threatened when she falls in love with Evergreen, a handsome local boy who is head of the Red Guards.



V for Vendetta by Alan Moore

A collection of comics from the "V for Vendetta" series, which recounts one man's attempts to rise up against the oppressive government.



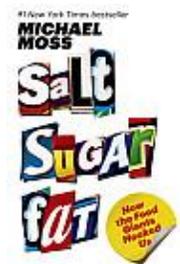
The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

A circus known as Le Cirque des Reves features two illusionists, Celia and Marco, who are unknowingly competing in a game to which they have been irrevocably bound by their mercurial masters, and as the two fall deeply and passionately in love with each other, their masters intervene with dangerous consequences.



Sula by Toni Morrison

Traces the lives of two African-American heroines from their growing up together in a small Ohio town, to their sharply divergent paths of womanhood, to their ultimate confrontation and reconciliation.



Salt, Sugar, Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us by Michael Moss

Reveals how the world's largest processed food companies redirect concerns about the health risks of their products by dialing back on one harmful ingredient while increasing another; use technology to calculate the bliss point of sugary beverages or enhance the mouth feel of fat by manipulating the chemical structure; and refer to their most ardent customers as addicted to salt, sugar, and fat.



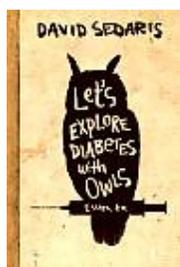
Vampires in the Lemon Grove and Other Stories by Karen Russell

Presents eight short stories by American author Karen Russell.



Blindness by José Saramago

Chaos ensues when a city is struck with an epidemic of blindness in which its victims see only white, and a doctor who is locked in an asylum for the affliction is taken care of by his wife, who has retained her sight.



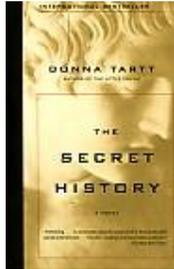
Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls by David Sedaris

A collection of humorous autobiographical essays about his experiences traveling, from the perils of French dentistry to the eating habits of the Australian kookaburra, from the squat-style toilets of Beijing to the particular wilderness of a North Carolina Costco.



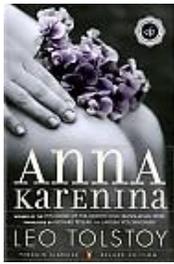
My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

Supreme Court justice Sonia Sotomayor shares details about her life, discussing her childhood, education, health, career, appointment, and more.



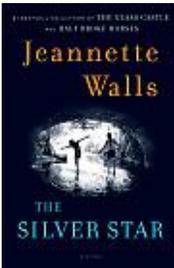
The Secret History by Donna Tartt

Richard Papeen becomes embroiled in a society of brutal and deadly secrets from which he is unable to escape when an elite group of students from the prestigious Hampden College accept him into their group.



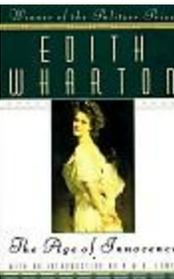
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

In nineteenth-century Russia, the wife of an important government official loses her family and social status when she chooses the love of Count Vronsky over a passionless marriage.



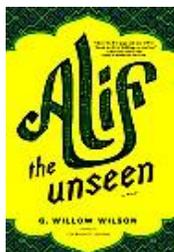
The Silver Star by Jeannette Walls

Two motherless sisters, Bean and Liz, are shuttled to Virginia to live with their Uncle Tinsley in a decaying mansion. When school starts in the fall, Bean easily adjusts and makes friends, and Liz becomes increasingly withdrawn. Then something happens to Liz and Bean is left to challenge the injustice of the adult world.



Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

A portrayal of New York society in the 1870s where money counted for less than manners and morals.



Alif the Unseen by Willow G. Wilson

In Middle Eastern security state, a young Arab-Indian hacker shields clients, dissidents, outlaws, Islamists, and other watched groups, from surveillance and tries to stay out of trouble but the aristocratic woman Alif loves has jilted him for a prince chosen by her parents, and his computer has just been breached by the



State's electronic security force, putting his clients and his own neck on the line.

Frozen in Time: An Epic Story of Survival and a Modern Quest for the Lost Heroes of World War II by Mitchell Zuckoff

In November 1942, a U.S. cargo plane crashed into the Greenland ice cap, the B-17 sent on the search-and-rescue mission got caught in a storm and also crashed, miraculously all nine men aboard survived. A second rescue operation was launched, but the plane, the Grumman Duck, flew into a storm and vanished. The survivors of the B-17 spent 148 days fighting to stay alive while waiting for rescue by famed explorer Bernt Balchen. Then in 2012 the U.S. Coast Guard and North South Polar mount an expedition to solve the mystery of the vanished plane and recover the remains of the lost plane's crew.