

Cape May County Technical High School Summer Reading Grades 9 & 10 (2018)

Parents/Guardians: team up with your Tech Student(s) to ensure the appropriate selection from AR Bookfinder (US) @ arbookfind.com. By using AR Bookfinder (US), parents & students are able to choose interesting books to ensure a more rewarding reading experience!

The standards currently in place require an Interest Level (IL) of UG and a Book Level (BL) of 4.0 and above. Students must choose a book that meets the above criteria. *****Please check that you do NOT read any books for other grade levels. Books that are read now but that are listed for other grades on their Summer Reading lists will NOT receive credit. The Summer Reading lists for all grades are at capemaytech.com. Other books that can NOT be read include *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck and *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller since those are done in the classroom with the teachers.**

Accelerated Bookfinder provides a brief description that includes details on the subject matter to help students & parents decide which titles to read, and has an Advanced Search feature so that students may search for what topics and subtopics that they prefer to read among fiction or nonfiction.

Directions:

Each student entering Grade 9 or 10 **CP** will choose any **two (2) books** from the following list.

Each student entering Grade 9 or 10 **Honors** will choose any **three (3) books** from the following list.

For **each book chosen**, handwrite a reading log for each book using three-hole punched loose leaf paper. Use dark ink or pencil.

Grading is based on completeness, neatness, formatting, and following directions!

Reading logs must be handwritten or hand printed; no typed Reading Logs will be accepted.

Set-up the reading log with a heading that includes (1) your name, (2) date, (3) title of book underlined, (4) author, and (5) the total pages in the book.

Next, skip a line after the heading, then complete a handwritten reading log entry for every ten (10) pages of the book.

Label each entry with the date and page numbers read. Ex. July 10, 20-- pp.1-10.

Then, write three (3) to four (4) sentences summarizing the pages read. Use details to remember plot, characterization, etc. Skip a line before writing the next entry. Continue until the last page of the book.

Note: Students must read the book title by the author listed that is UG & 4.0+ or suffer low/failing grades; tests are on actual unabridged books by the authors listed. Check that you have the correct book title (with subtitle, if one exists) by the listed author on the AR Bookfinder (US) list before you start reading.

Here are some pre-approved titles that you may be interested in reading.....

(Descriptions are from GoodReads, CommonSense Media) A shout-out to the Tech students who put forward their favorite books--you know who you are! Thank you!:)

Fiction

Backfield Boys by John Feinstein

“Sportswriting powerhouse John Feinstein's young adult novel Backfield Boys follows best friends and football stars Jason Roddin and Tom Jefferson, a perfect, though unconventional, pair: Jason, the Jewish kid, is lightning fast and a natural wide-

receiver, while African-American Tom has an amazing arm and a quarterback's feel for the game. After summer football camp at an elite sports-focused boarding school, the boys are thrilled to enroll on scholarship for their freshman year--despite their mothers' fears of injury and especially CTE.

On day one, they're stunned when the coaches make Tom a receiver and Jason a quarterback, a complete contradiction to their skill sets and training. They soon suspect this is a racial issue. The boys speak out, risking both their scholarships and their chance to play. But when Jason gets a concussion in the first game of the season, he and Tom must decide how much they're willing to lose in their quest to expose the ugly remnants of a racist past that still linger in contemporary jock culture.

In *Backfield Boys*, -The best writer of sports books in America today- (The Boston Globe) tells a thrilling story of friendship, football, and a fight for justice."

*See more of John Feinstein's work at ARBookFind.com

***Batman* by Marie Lu (DC Icons #2)**

"Before he was Batman, he was Bruce Wayne. A reckless boy willing to break the rules for a girl who may be his worst enemy. The Nightwalkers are terrorizing Gotham City, and Bruce Wayne is next on their list.

One by one, the city's elites are being executed as their mansions' security systems turn against them, trapping them like prey. Meanwhile, Bruce is turning eighteen and about to inherit his family's fortune, not to mention the keys to Wayne Enterprises and all the tech gadgetry his heart could ever desire. But after a run-in with the police, he's forced to do community service at Arkham Asylum, the infamous prison that holds the city's most brutal criminals.

Madeleine Wallace is a brilliant killer . . . and Bruce's only hope.

In Arkham, Bruce meets Madeleine, a brilliant girl with ties to the Nightwalkers. What is she hiding? And why will she speak only to Bruce? Madeleine is the mystery Bruce must unravel. But is he getting her to divulge her secrets, or is he feeding her the information she needs to bring Gotham City to its knees? Bruce will walk the dark line between trust and betrayal as the Nightwalkers circle closer."

*Also check out this title in the DC Icons series: *Wonder Woman: Warbringer* (DC Icons, #1)

by Leigh Bardugo

* Marie Lu has other possible summer reading titles. Go to ARBookFind.com.

***Genuine Fraud* by E. Lockhart**

"From the author of the unforgettable *New York Times* bestseller *We Were Liars* comes a masterful new psychological suspense novel--the story of a young woman whose diabolical smarts are her ticket into a charmed life. But how many times can someone reinvent themselves? You be the judge.

Imogen is a runaway heiress, an orphan, a cook, and a cheat.

Jule is a fighter, a social chameleon, and an athlete.

An intense friendship. A disappearance. A murder, or maybe two.

A bad romance, or maybe three.

Blunt objects, disguises, blood, and chocolate. The American dream, superheroes, spies, and villains.

A girl who refuses to give people what they want from her.

A girl who refuses to be the person she once was."

**We were Liars* is another popular summer reading possibility. Check out E. Lockhart at ARBookFind.com

***The Girl I Used to Be* by April Henry**

"Fourteen years ago, a three-year-old girl was the only survivor at a horrific murder scene. Now she's determined to search for the truth--and the killer is even more determined to stop her.

When Olivia's mother was murdered and her father disappeared, everyone suspected her father had done it. Fast-forward fourteen years. New evidence now proves Olivia's father was actually murdered on the same fateful day her mother died. That means there's a killer still at large. Can Olivia uncover the truth before the killer tracks her down?"

*[Check out April Henry's](http://ARBookFind.com) other possible summer reading books at ARBookFind.com

Jane, Unlimited by Kristin Cashore

Loved the Graceling Realm series? Then read this book

“If you could change your story, would you?”

Jane has lived a mostly ordinary life, raised by her recently deceased aunt Magnolia, whom she counted on to turn life into an adventure. Without Aunt Magnolia, Jane is directionless. Then an old acquaintance, the glamorous and capricious Kiran Thrash, blows back into Jane’s life and invites her to a gala at the Thrashes’ extravagant island mansion called Tu Reviens. Jane remembers her aunt telling her: “If anyone ever invites you to Tu Reviens, promise me that you’ll go.”

What Jane doesn’t know is that at Tu Reviens her story will change; the house will offer her five choices that could ultimately determine the course of her untethered life. But every choice comes with a price. She might fall in love, she might lose her life, she might come face-to-face with herself. At Tu Reviens, anything is possible.”

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

“Sixty Seconds. Seven Floors. Three Rules. Will’s older brother, Shawn, has been shot. Dead. Will feels a sadness so great, he can’t explain it. But in his neighborhood there are THE RULES.....

Jason Reynolds’ *Long Way Down* won a 2018 Newbery Honor, Coretta Scott King Author Honor, and Michael L. Printz Honor. It’s a novel in free verse that tells the story of an African American teen boy at a crossroads.”

**Other books by Jason Reynolds* for possible summer reading include *All American Boys*, *The Boy in the Black Suit*, *Mile Morales: Spider-Man*, and *When I Was the Greatest*. Check them out at ARBookFind.com...

Release by Patrick Ness

“*Release* is one day in the life of Adam Thorn, 17. It’s a big day. Things go wrong. It’s intense, and all the while, weirdness approaches...

Adam Thorn is having what will turn out to be the most unsettling, difficult day of his life, with relationships fracturing, a harrowing incident at work, and a showdown between this gay teen and his preacher father that changes everything. It’s a day of confrontation, running, sex, love, heartbreak, and maybe, just maybe, hope. He won’t come out of it unchanged. And all the while, lurking at the edges of the story, something extraordinary and unsettling is on a collision course.”

**Other books by Patrick Ness* for possible summer reading include *The Knife of Never Letting Go*, *More Than This*, *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*. Check them out at ARBookFind.com...

That Inevitable Victorian Thing by E.K. Johnston

“Set in a near-future world where the British Empire was preserved, not by the cost of blood and theft but by effort of repatriation and promises kept, *That Inevitable Victorian Thing* is a novel of love, duty, and the small moments that can change people and the world.

Victoria-Margaret is the crown princess of the empire, a direct descendant of Victoria I, the queen who changed the course of history two centuries earlier. The imperial practice of genetically arranged matchmaking will soon guide Margaret into a politically advantageous marriage like her mother before her, but before she does her duty, she’ll have one summer incognito in a far corner of empire. In Toronto, she meets Helena Marcus, daughter of one of the empire’s greatest placement geneticists, and August Callaghan, the heir apparent to a powerful shipping firm currently besieged by American pirates. In a summer of high-society debutante balls, politically charged tea parties, and romantic country dances, Margaret, Helena, and August discover they share an unusual bond and maybe a one in a million chance to have what they want and to change the world in the process —just like the first Queen Victoria.”

**Other books by E.K. Johnston* for possible summer reading include *Exit, Pursued by a Bear*, *The Story of Owen (series)*, and *A Thousand Nights (series)*. Check them out at ARBookFind.com...

***And Then There Were Four* by Nancy Werlin**

“New York Times bestselling author Nancy Werlin returns to YA suspense with this page-turner mystery for fans of Lauren Oliver, Neal Shusterman, and Lois Duncan

Let's not die today. Not even to make things easier for our parents.

When a building collapses around five teenagers--and they just barely escape--they know something strange is going on. Little by little, the group pieces together a theory: Their parents are working together to kill them all. Is it true? And if so, how did their parents come together--and why? And, most importantly, how can the five of them work together to save themselves? With an unlikely group of heroes, sky-high stakes, and two budding romances, this gripping murder mystery will keep readers guessing until the last page.”

*Check out ARBookFind.com for other possible summer reading titles by Nancy Werlin.

***There's Someone Inside Your House* by Stephanie Perkins**

“Makani Young thought she'd left her dark past behind her in Hawaii, settling in with her grandmother in landlocked Nebraska. She's found new friends and has even started to fall for mysterious outsider Ollie Larsson. But her past isn't far behind.

Then, one by one, the students of Osborne High begin to die in a series of gruesome murders, each with increasingly grotesque flair. As the terror grows closer and her feelings for Ollie intensify, Makani is forced to confront her own dark secrets.”

***Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson** (Book 1 in a new series)

“Ellingham Academy is a famous private school in Vermont for the brightest thinkers, inventors, and artists. It was founded by Albert Ellingham, an early twentieth century tycoon, who wanted to make a wonderful place full of riddles, twisting pathways, and gardens. "A place" he said, "where learning is a game.”

Shortly after the school opened, his wife and daughter were kidnapped. The only real clue was a mocking riddle listing methods of murder, signed with the frightening pseudonym, Truly Devious. It became one of the great unsolved crimes of American history.

True-crime aficionado Stevie Bell is set to begin her first year at Ellingham Academy, and she has an ambitious plan: She will solve this cold case. That is, she will solve the case when she gets a grip on her demanding new school life and her housemates: the inventor, the novelist, the actor, the artist, and the jokester. But something strange is happening. Truly Devious makes a surprise return, and death revisits Ellingham Academy. The past has crawled out of its grave. Someone has gotten away with murder.”

*[Maureen Johnson](http://MaureenJohnson.com) has more possible summer reading books. Look her up at ARBookFind.com

***Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green** “#1 bestselling author John Green returns with his first new novel since *The Fault in Our Stars*!

Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis.

Aza is trying. She is trying to be a good daughter, a good friend, a good student, and maybe even a good detective, while also living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts.

In his long-awaited return, John Green, the acclaimed, award-winning author of *Looking for Alaska* and *The Fault in Our Stars*, shares Aza's story with shattering, unflinching clarity in this brilliant novel of love, resilience, and the power of lifelong friendship.”

NonFiction

The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives

by Dashka Slater

“One teenager in a skirt.

One teenager with a lighter.

One moment that changes both of their lives forever.

If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.”

A Dog in the Cave: The Wolves Who Made Us Human by Kay Frydenborg

“We know dogs are our best animal friends, but have you ever thought about what that might mean?

Fossils show we've shared our work and homes with dogs for tens of thousands of years. Now there's growing evidence that we influenced dogs' evolution—and they, in turn, changed ours. Even more than our closest relatives, the apes, dogs are the species with whom we communicate best.

Combining history, paleontology, biology, and cutting-edge medical science, Kay Frydenborg paints a picture of how two different species became deeply entwined—and how we coevolved into the species we are today.”

How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child by Sandra Uwiringiyimana, Abigail Pesta

“This profoundly moving memoir is the remarkable and inspiring true story of Sandra Uwiringiyimana, a girl from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who tells the tale of how she survived a massacre, immigrated to America, and overcame her trauma through art and activism.

Sandra was just ten years old when she found herself with a gun pointed at her head. She had watched as rebels gunned down her mother and six-year-old sister in a refugee camp. Remarkably, the rebel didn't pull the trigger, and Sandra escaped. Thus began a new life for her and her surviving family members. With no home and no money, they struggled to stay alive. Eventually, through a United Nations refugee program, they moved to America, only to face yet another ethnic disconnect. Sandra may have crossed an ocean, but there was now a much wider divide she had to overcome. And it started with middle school in New York.

In this memoir, Sandra tells the story of her survival, of finding her place in a new country, of her hope for the future, and how she found a way to give voice to her people.”

Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee, from Childhood to *Go Set a Watchman* by Charles J. Shields

“To Kill a Mockingbird—the twentieth century's most widely read American novel—has sold thirty million copies and still sells a million yearly. Yet despite her book's perennial popularity, its creator, Harper Lee, has become a somewhat mysterious figure. Now, after years of research, Charles J. Shields brings to life the warmhearted, high-spirited, and occasionally hardheaded woman who gave us two of American literature's most unforgettable characters—Atticus Finch and his daughter, Scout.

At the center of Shields's evocative, lively book is the story of Lee's struggle to create her famous novel, but her colorful life contains many highlights—her girlhood as a tomboy in overalls in tiny Monroeville, Alabama; the murder trial that made her beloved father's reputation and inspired her great work; her journey to Kansas as Truman Capote's ally and research assistant to help report the story of *In Cold Blood*. *Mockingbird*—unique, highly entertaining, filled with humor and heart—is a wide-ranging, idiosyncratic portrait of a writer, her dream, and the place and people whom she made immortal.”

Sabotage: The Mission to Destroy Hitler's Atomic Bomb by Neal Bascomb

“Neal Bascomb delivers another nail-biting work of nonfiction for young adults in this incredible true story of spies and survival. The invasion begins at night, with German cruisers slipping into harbor, and soon the Nazis occupy all of Norway. They station soldiers throughout the country. They institute martial rule. And at Vemork, an industrial fortress high above a dizzying gorge, they gain access to an essential ingredient for the weapon that could end World War II: Hitler’s very own nuclear bomb. When the Allies discover the plans for the bomb, they agree Vemork must be destroyed. But after a British operation fails to stop the Nazis’ deadly designs, the task falls to a band of young Norwegian commandos. Armed with little more than skis, explosives, and great courage, they will survive months in the snowy wilderness, elude a huge manhunt, and execute two dangerous missions. The result? The greatest act of sabotage in all of World War II.”

*Also by Neal Bascomb for possible summer reading, *The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi*.

The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, and Found by Martin W. Sandler

“The exciting true story of the captaincy, wreck, and discovery of the *Whydah* the only pirate ship ever found and the incredible mysteries it revealed.

The 1650s to the 1730s marked the golden age of piracy, when fearsome pirates like Blackbeard ruled the waves, seeking not only treasure but also large and fast ships to carry it. The *Whydah* was just such a ship, built to ply the Triangular Trade route, which it did until one of the greediest pirates of all, Black Sam Bellamy, commandeered it. Filling the ship to capacity with treasure, Bellamy hoped to retire with his bounty but in 1717 the ship sank in a storm off Cape Cod. For more than two hundred years, the wreck of the *Whydah* (and the riches that went down with it) eluded treasure seekers, until the ship was finally found in 1984 by marine archaeologists. The artifacts brought up from the ocean floor are priceless, both in value and in the picture they reveal of life in that much-mythologized era, changing much of what we know about pirates.”