

Summer Reading One Pager

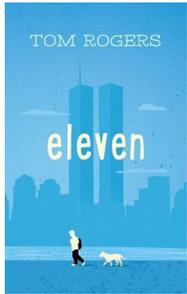
I think of life as a good book. The further you get into it, the more it begins to make sense.
-- Harold Kushner

Choose any two of the following books to read.

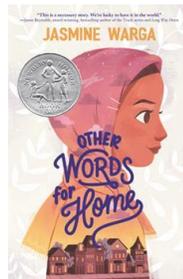
You will complete a ROUGH DRAFT of a one pager for one book.

When we return to school you will finish your final draft of your one pager for your first book and complete a writing assignment in class for your second book.

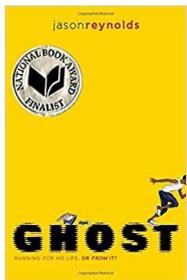
Please note that if you are taking the Summer Reading Class, we are reading *Eleven*. Contact Mrs. Gasser with any questions.



Eleven Alex Douglas always wanted to be a hero. But nothing heroic ever happened to Alex. Nothing, that is, until his eleventh birthday. When Alex rescues a stray dog as a birthday gift to himself, he doesn't think his life can get much better. This is a story about bullies and heroes. About tragedy and hope. This is *Eleven*: the journey of a boy turning eleven on 9/11.



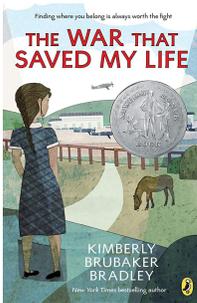
Other Words for Home Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. But this life also brings unexpected surprises—Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is.



Ghost Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all started with running away from his father. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running away from them—until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city.



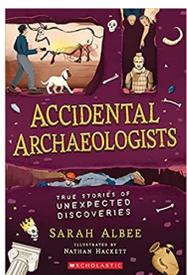
Among the Hidden Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he's met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows -- does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan?



The War That Saved My Life—Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother?



Merci Suárez Changes Gears Merci Suárez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just *how* different. For starters, Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. They don't have a big house or a fancy boat, and they have to do extra community service to make up for their free tuition. Things aren't going well at home, either: Merci's grandfather and most trusted ally, Lolo, has been acting strangely lately. No one in her family will tell Merci what's going on, so she's left to her own worries, while also feeling all on her own at school.



Accidental Archaeologists Secret treasures are buried all around us -- you just have to look for them! *Accidental Archaeologists* takes you on an adventure through time to relive some of the coolest surprise discoveries by totally ordinary people all over the world.



Thirst Minni lives in the poorest part of Mumbai, where access to water is limited to a few hours a day and the communal taps have long lines. Lately, though, even that access is threatened by severe water shortages and thieves who are stealing this precious commodity—an act that Minni accidentally witnesses one night. How did something as simple as access to water get so complicated?