



Winnacunnet High School Summer Reading 2014-2015

*All WHS students will be expected to read (or listen to) the assigned text(s) during the summer.
Expect to be assessed on summer reading within the first week of class.*

Freshmen

Freshmen will read *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman.

Be prepared to discuss or write about the identity of the main character(s), including how other characters, circumstances, and events contribute to this identity. You may also be asked to explain how the characters overcome adversity throughout the novel.

Sophomores

Sophomores will read *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. *

Be prepared to discuss or write about the theme of *The American Dream* relating directly to characters and settings of the novel.

**American Studies students will have a different assignment-- titles will be provided with acceptance.*

Juniors

Juniors will read *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini.

Be prepared to discuss or write about aspects of the culture represented in the novel. Then consider how these aspects of culture contribute to the larger themes of the novel.

Seniors

Seniors will read *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. *

College Composition students will also read

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Johnathan Safran Foer.

Be prepared to discuss or write how Malcolm Gladwell examines what makes high achievers different. As you read this book, focus on the cultural backgrounds, the families, the historical/generational impact and the particular experiences these “outliers” have growing up. Be prepared to share at least 6 different examples.

**AP Literature students will have a different assignment-- titles will be provided with acceptance.*

All titles will be available at the WHS library in text, digital & audio format.