

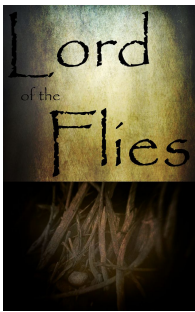
Freshman English

Summer Reading List 2018

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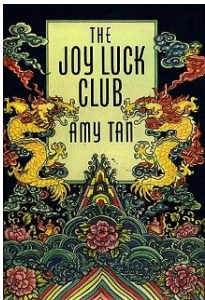
- Encourage a love of reading
- Engage students in reading and responding to high-quality literature (written assessments)
- Foster critical reading skills
- Expand vocabulary

Directions: Welcome to Freshman English! Each book below connects with a unit from *MyPerspectives*, the ninth-grade English textbook. Please **select one** of the three titles below, and prepare to take the **summer reading assessment in September** by annotating as you read.



***Lord of the Flies* by William Golding**

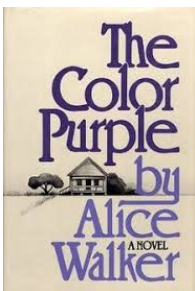
After a group of students is marooned on an island, what initially looked like paradise without adult supervision soon turns into a harrowing experience in this brutal portrait of human nature. ***Lord of the Flies* offers a unique perspective into the Essential Question: *What does it take to survive?*** by connecting students with the timeless theme of society versus the individual, and the savagery possible in human nature when faced with survival situations.



***The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan**

Four families of Chinese immigrants in San Francisco learn to leave in American and come to terms with their past.

Their experiences reveal multiple answers to the essential question: What does it mean to be an American?



***The Color Purple* by Alice Walker**

The Color Purple follows the lives of two African-American sisters growing up in the 1930s, showing how they resist sexism and racism.

The characters are dynamic, and their conversations change each other both for better and worse -- offering insight into the Essential Question: *How can words inspire change?*



***Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte**

The witty, individualistic protagonist of this proto-feminist novel grows up in painful circumstances. Still, she finds her way to happiness and family.

Her choices, most famously her answers to two marriage proposals, are pivotal -- providing insight into the Essential Question: *Do we determine our own destinies?*