

Sophomore Summer Reading....

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take your brain on vacation



First Coast High School Summer Reading 2009

Vacation Reading for Sophomores:

Select one of the works below to read this summer. Then complete the Quote Graphic Organizer on the back of this list and bring it with you to your English class the first day of school. Your teacher will give you further instructions. Enjoy!



Timeline, Michael Crichton, \$14.95, 512 pages, Lexile 720 - A group of young scientists travel back from our time to medieval southern France to rescue their mentor who's trapped there. Suspense builds as the scientists discover the time machine has flaws.

Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083, Andrea White, \$6.99, 448 pages, Lexile 670—Four teenagers embark on a reality-television quest for the South Pole, tracing Captain Robert Scott's ill-fated journey of 1912. Chose for their special abilities, the teenagers face dangers that test them at their deepest levels.

The Rules of Survival, Nancy Werlin, \$7.99, 259 pages, Lexile 660 - Matthew writes a letter to his youngest sister, recounting his attempts to free himself and his sisters from the vicious treatment of their psychotic mother.

Shooter, Walter Dean Myers, \$7.99, 219 pages, Lexile 690 - In his version of outsider-shoots-to-kill-school-bully, Myers uses documents to tell the story of Cameron, an upper middle class African-American teen, at the center of the investigation.

A Northern Light, Jennifer Donnelly, \$8.95, 380 pages, Lexile 700 - In 1906, against the wishes of her father and her fiancé, sixteen-year-old Mattie is determined to be a writer. She takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. This novel is based on a true story.

Fat Kid Rules the World, K.L. Going, \$6.99, 183 pages, Lexile 700 - Troy Billings, a 296-pound teen, is standing at the edge of a subway platform seriously contemplating suicide when he meets Curt MacCrae—a sage, semi-homeless punk, guitar genius—who changes his life irrevocably.

Glory Road: My Story of the 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship and How One Team Triumphed Against the Odds and Changed America Forever, Don Haskins, \$14.95, 272 pages - Texas coach Don Haskins forever changed college sports in 1966 when he chose to field 5 black players in the formerly segregated NCAA basketball tournament.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith, \$16.95, 424 pages, Lexile 810 - Francie Nolan, a sensitive, resourceful young girl, grows up in the Williamsburg slums of Brooklyn with her brother Neelie, her lovable drunkard father, and her tender determined mother.

The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini, \$16.00, 371 pages, Lexile 840 - Amir, haunted by his shocking betrayal of Hassan, the son of his father's servant and a childhood friend, returns to Kabul as an adult in an attempt to redeem himself by rescuing Hassan's son from a Taliban official.

Digging to America, Anne Tyler, \$14.95, 304 pages, - Two Korean Babies are flown to Baltimore and adopted into very different American families. Each experiences acculturation, family life, contrasting ideas of what is important, and two very different approaches to adolescence—all the while sharing birthday and holiday celebrations.