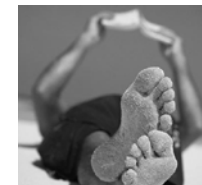




9th Grade Suggested Summer Reading 2010

Duval County Public Schools



Title	Author	Lexile	Summary	Genre
<i>Breaking Point</i>	Alex Flinn	600-700	How far would you go to fit in? Paul is new to Gate, a school whose rich students make life miserable for anyone not like them. And Paul is definitely not like them. Then, something incredible happens. Charlie Good, a star student and athlete, invites Paul to join his elite inner circle. All Charlie wants is a few things in return – small things that Paul does willingly. Until one day Charlie wants something big – really big. Now Paul has to decide how far he'll go to be one of the gang	Fiction - Realistic
<i>The Circuit</i>	Francisco Jimenez	850-900	<i>The Circuit</i> explores a migrant family's experiences moving through labor camps, facing poverty, and discusses how they endure through faith, hope, and back breaking work.	Fiction – Realistic
<i>Copper Sun</i>	Sharon Draper	850-900	Two fifteen-year-old girls, one a slave and the other an indentured servant, escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.	Fiction - Suspense
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Ray Bradbury	850-950	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> presents a future American society in which reading is outlawed. The central character, Guy Montag, is employed as a "fireman" (which, in this future, means "bookburner"). The number "451" refers to the temperature at which book paper combusts. The "firemen" burn them "for the good of humanity".	Fiction– Futuristic
<i>Blind Side</i>	Michael Lewis	900-950	"The Blind Side" depicts the story of Michael Oher, a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home, taken in by the Touhys, a well-to-do white family who help him fulfill his potential. At the same time, Oher's presence in the Touhys' lives leads them to some insightful self-discoveries of their own. Living in his new environment, the teen faces a completely different set of challenges to overcome. As a football player and student, Oher works hard and, with the help of his coaches and adopted family, becomes an All-American offensive left tackle.	Non-Fiction
<i>Money Hungry</i>	Sharon Flake	750-800	Raspberry Hill is obsessed with money. She will sell pencils, potato chips, and even stale candy to make a buck. She is compelled to make money to prevent a return to living on the streets with her mother. Gritty, real, and somewhat sympathetic characterization of Raspberry will make you want to keep reading. If you have ever struggled, you can understand why money drives her so much.	Fiction – Realistic
<i>The Uglies</i>	Scott Westerfeld	750-800	Tally Youngblood lives in a futuristic society where everyone is beautiful—that is, once they become one of the "Pretties" through the extensive cosmetic surgery everyone undergoes at 16. When Tally meets Shay, a girl who questions the shallow lifestyle of the Pretties, her life is turned upside down.	Fiction - Realistic