**eSTEM Academy Summer Reading**

2017 – 2018

If you are taking an English class this year at the eSTEM Academy, you have up to four summer reading books to choose from. Please read this handout carefully.

**The summer reading for the 2017 – 2018 school year is for enrichment.**

***What does this mean?***

You may select one or more of the four book options to read over summer break. **Choosing to write about the summer reading book(s) will earn enrichment points (extra credit)**. Readings will familiarize you with common eSTEM themes, and contribute to your growth with comprehension skills. If you opt to not read a selected summer reading book, we encourage you to find an alternative text that will challenge your reading skills; however, you will not receive extra credit (knowledge only).

To earn extra credit and to further reading strategies, you are encouraged to compose double-entry journals to develop essential citing and elaborating skills.. **You may use your double-entry journals (**[**http://bit.ly/1SNbl2S**](http://bit.ly/1SNbl2S)**) when you answer your writing prompts.** The journals are optional, but are strongly encouraged as they will help you to better understand the text as well as aid in your writing abilities.

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**There are four options to choose your summer novel from. These options are the same regardless of grade level, English class, or semester that you’re taking English.**

The links provided for you show the preferred edition of the text. The links provided will also take you to Amazon and show you a cover of the preferred edition.

**Option #1:** *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline

Rating -PG13 (2 Implied Sexual Scenes) You should read this if you want to read a fictional account of the future of virtual reality and gaming technology and if you have any interest in the 80’s. You won’t want to read it if you’re offended by any sexuality or if gaming is of no interest to you. Easy to read and enjoy.

· **Amazon: http://amzn.to/2nMMnrA**

**Option #2:** *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

 Rating -R (1 Sexual Scene) You should read this if you’re interested in reading about Native American culture, bullying, starting out at a new school and you just like good stories with pictures. You shouldn’t read this if you’re offended by violence or sexuality. Easy to read and enjoy, this book is the shortest option.

· **Amazon:** **http://amzn.to/2njYnhc**

**Option #3:** *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote

Rating -PG13 (Murder Investigation) You should read this if you want to be mesmerized by suspense and be empathetic toward the characters. Capote reconstructs the murder and investigation of the killers which transcends its moment, yielding poignant insights into the nature of American violence. You should not attempt to read this if you are pressed for time this summer.

· **Amazon: http://amzn.to/2nAOApk**

**Option #4:** *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren

Rating PG13 (Language) You should read this if you’re interested in being a research scientist or professor, if you’re interested in how females are treated in the sciences, and if you want to learn about plants and nature and the connection between plants and people. There is authentic and literary merit in this nonfiction piece. You wouldn’t want to read this if strong language offends you or if you are bored with nature or a challenging read.

· **Amazon:http://amzn.to/2ohUiLb**

**Because the subject nature of some of the texts can reflect mature situations, it is important to preview the text prior to the selection.**