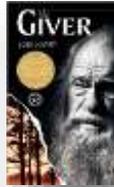


As a student entering seventh grade, you should take some time this summer to read and prepare for your English class. Please read **one** of the following books:



**Walter Dean Myers'**  
***Monster***

*Monster* is the story of Stephen Harmon who has been charged with murder in a robbery of a convenience store. Stephen, who is a high school student taking a class on movie script writing, tells the story of his trial through his screen play—the script for a movie—and his journal. The book is written in script and journal format.



**Lois Lowry's**  
***The Giver***

In *The Giver*, Jonas, a twelve year-old, struggles to understand the choices made to create and maintain a community where there is no crime, sickness, or unhappiness.



**Sharon Creech's**  
***Walk Two Moons***

*Walk Two Moons* is the journey of Salamanca with her grandparents to bring her mother home. Salamanca weaves her story with that of the story she's telling to help her discover the truth.



**Jerry Spinelli's**  
***Stargirl***

The novel follows Stargirl Caraway, a girl of wide-eyed charm, as she transfers to a new school, makes friends, and struggles with individuality and conformity at Arizona's Mica Area High School.



**Laurie Halse Anderson's**  
***Fever 1793***

The Yellow Fever strikes in Philadelphia in 1793 where 14-year-old Matilda Cook lives. The book chronicles her struggles as a teenager when her city is falling apart around her because of the rampaging epidemic.



**Jean Craighead George's**  
***My Side of the Mountain***

The novel follows Sam Gibley, a boy who has run away from New York and survives in the wilderness by making his own shelter, clothes, and food.



**Ellen Raskin's**  
***The Westing Game***

This story is a mystery with lots of puzzles, involving sixteen unusual characters as they try to solve the mystery of Samuel Westing's murder and why he left his inheritance to an unknown person.