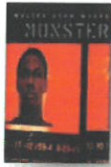
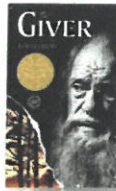


As a student entering seventh grade, you should take some time this summer to read and prepare for your English class. Please read **one** of the following books:



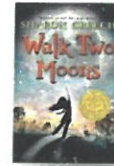
Walter Dean Myers'
Monster

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.



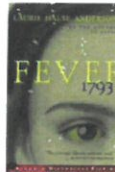
Sharon Creech's
Walk Two Moons

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 Gribble, 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.