

We are so excited that you are joining us at Central Academy this year! As a student entering eighth grade Honors English, you should take some time this summer to read to prepare for your English class. Please read **one** of the following books:

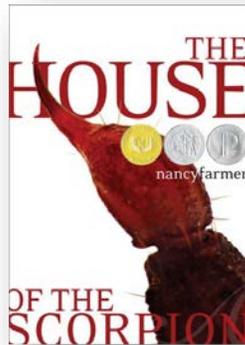
Read the book once for enjoyment. **Pay attention and mark key passages or moments in the text that engage you. Think about the role that each character plays in the story. What is the author's message? Finally, decide on FOUR quotations that you think help show either some aspect about a character or some support for the message of the book.** Happy Reading!

Please bring your book (with marked passages) and your four quotations on the first day of class.



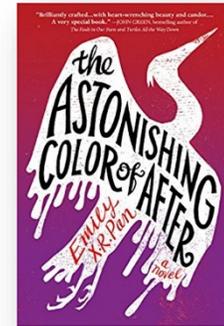
**Orson Scott Card**  
*Ender's Game*

The Earth is under attack by aliens and the government is developing a group of military geniuses and training them with military games. Ender Wiggins is one of the trainees.



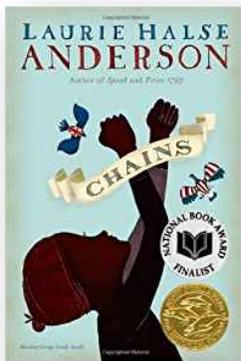
**Nancy Farmer**  
*The House of the Scorpion*

A scientist brings Matteo to life from a frozen 100 year old cell. Matteo is a clone of a powerful drug lord. The novel traces his struggles to stay alive and his increasing awareness of the country named Opium.



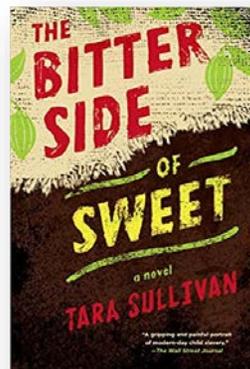
**Emily X.R. Pan**  
*The Astonishing Color of After*

Leigh Chen Sanders is absolutely certain about one thing: When her mother died by suicide, she turned into a bird.



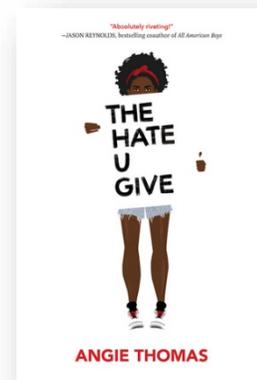
**Laurie Anderson**  
*Chains*

As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple.



**Tara Sullivan**  
*The Bitter Side of Sweet*

Two boys only wanted to make money to help their impoverished family, instead they were tricked into forced labor on a plantation in the Ivory Coast—until Khadija comes into their lives.



**Angie Thompson**  
*The Hate You Give*

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends.

## Book Orders:

Every year, students need a set of novels or texts that they can annotate (so it cannot be a library book). We use a bulk supplier that allows us to purchase these books at a reduced price. You may choose to order one or more of these books from us or you can supply your own. This year, 8th graders will need to purchase these books: (Academy prices are listed).

The House on Mango Street (\$8.50)

Fahrenheit 451 (\$11.00)

A Midsummer Nights Dream (\$5.00)

Night (\$7.00)

After July 16, when you go through online registration for your home school, you'll have the opportunity to order and pay for the books you need for your Academy English class. This can be very convenient because you can order and pay all at once without filling out any other forms. But you do have other options.

If you do not want to pay for the books during the online registration then you can order your books with this [LINK](#). (Only use this link if you do NOT order and pay for books during online registration.) Kim Kinney, Office Manager at Academy, will manually add your order to your child's fee page in Infinite Campus. NOTE: this link is for 8th grade only. If you have other children taking English at Academy, you'll get another email similar to this one with the link for that class. Each child must be entered separately.

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