



The Collegiate School of Memphis 2025 Summer Reading List – 9th Grade

This summer, read as many books as you can. Read books you enjoy, and read a lot of them.

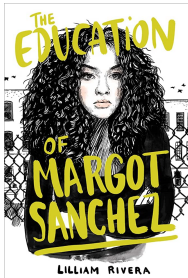
Log all of the books you read on your Summer Reading Log, then from all those books you read, you are asked to **choose two books** and complete the Summer Reading Assignment graphic organizer for each of them. Your Summer Reading Log and Summer Reading assignments are due to your English teacher **on the first day of school**. For this assignment, choose a book that is driven more by words than by pictures—not a graphic novel or a manga.

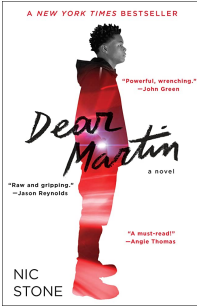
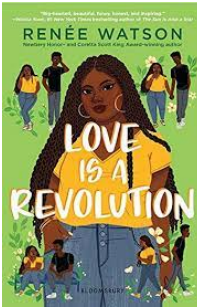
In addition to the Summer Reading Log and Summer Reading Assignment, be prepared at the start of the school year to explain what each book you read was about and what it meant to you. Below is a list of books that students in the 9th grade have loved in the past. Although there's a good chance you too will enjoy these books, you are not required to choose from this list.

Scholars who read at least **1,000 pages** this summer will be recognized with a CSM Summer Reading pin and certificate during an August Community Group.

Parents:

- All of the novels on this list are readily available at the public library, local bookstores, or at Amazon.com.
- WARNING: Any of the following young adult literature may contain mature reading material.

If you loved...	Try...	
<i>I am not your Perfect Mexican Daughter</i> by Erika L. Sánchez		<i>The Education of Margot Sanchez</i> by Lilliam Rivera After “borrowing” her father's credit card to finance a more stylish wardrobe, Margot Sánchez suddenly finds herself grounded. And by grounded, she means working in her family’s struggling grocery store to pay off her debts. With each order of deli meat she slices, Margot can feel her carefully cultivated prep school reputation slipping through her fingers, and she’s willing to do anything to get out of this punishment. Lie, cheat, and maybe even steal...

<i>Furia</i> by Yamile Saied Mendez		<i>Moxie</i> by Jennifer Mathieu Vivian Carter is fed up. Fed up with her small-town Texas high school that thinks the football team can do no wrong. Fed up with sexist dress codes and hallway harassment. But most of all, Viv Carter is fed up with always following the rules. Viv creates a feminist zine that she distributes anonymously to her classmates. She's just blowing off steam, but other girls respond. Pretty soon Viv is forging friendships with other young women, and she realizes that what she has started is nothing short of a girl revolution.
<i>All American Boys</i> by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely		<i>Dear Martin</i> by Nic Stone Justyce is a good kid, an honor student, and always there to help a friend—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs without cause. When faced with injustice, Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out. Then comes the day Justyce and a friend spark the fury of an off-duty cop. Words fly, shots are fired, and the boys get caught in the crosshairs. But in the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack.
<i>Piecing Me Together</i> by Renee Watson		<i>Love is a Revolution</i> by Renee Watson When Nala Robertson reluctantly agrees to attend an open mic night for her cousin-sister-friend Imani's birthday, she finds herself falling in instant love with Tye Brown, the MC. In order to impress Tye, Nala tells a few tiny lies to have enough in common with him. As they spend more time together, sharing more of themselves, some of those lies get harder to keep up. As Nala falls deeper into keeping up her lies and into love, she'll learn all the ways love is hard, and how loving yourself is revolutionary.

Other Great Selections:	
<u>Classics:</u> <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i> by Stephen Crane <u>Mysteries:</u> <i>Ace of Spades</i> by Faridah Abike Iyimide <i>The Inheritance Games</i> by Jennifer Lynn Barnes <i>One of Us is Lying</i> by Karen McManus <u>Coming of Age:</u> <i>Finding Yvonne</i> by Brandy Colbert <i>The Sun is Also a Star</i> by Nicola Yoon <i>You're Welcome, Universe</i> by Whitney Gardner	<u>Dystopian/Adventure:</u> <i>Gone</i> by Michael Grant <i>Legend</i> by Marie Lu <i>Uglies</i> by Scott Westerfeld <u>Young Love:</u> <i>Just Listen</i> by Sarah Dessen <i>Don't Date Rosa Santos</i> by Nina Moreno <i>This is My Brain in Love</i> by I.W. Gregorio

