

Summer Reading 2018—9th Grade Honors English

This summer you are going to read one choice book. Make sure you follow the directions. **Your summer reading assignments are due at the beginning of your first day of class.**

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Reading List

- Your choice from the attached list of Michael Printz Award Winners & Honorees and Alex Award Winners.

Choice

You are going to choose any book from the attached list and create a poster for it. The requirements are below. The Alex Awards are given to adult books that may appeal to teens. With this in mind, you may encounter adult content in these books. If you or your parents are not comfortable with what you are reading, change books!!

The Assignment

Create a visually appealing **poster** (at least 18" x 24") OR **slide show** that brings your **choice book** to life for the rest of us.

1. Include the following information:
 - ✓ Book title (underlined or italicized if you word process the title)
 - ✓ Author's name & life dates
 - ✓ Characters (main and secondary)
 - ✓ Publisher & number of pages
 - ✓ Genre (for example, historical fiction, fantasy, nonfiction, etc.)
2. Provide your audience with a three-to-five sentence summary of the plot (enough to spark interest in the book without giving it away). This needs to be in your own words!
3. Quote two passages that stand out to you and explain, in three to five sentences, why those passages are important to the meaning of the book as a whole.
4. Create a visual image that captures/represents the novel as a whole or an important aspect of the novel. Consider illustrating the following for your visual:
 - ✓ Symbols/important images in the novel
 - ✓ Predominant themes/meanings that resonate for you
 - ✓ A central and/or memorable character
 - ✓ A significant or especially striking setting
5. **You will present your slide show or poster to the class as an oral presentation.**

For this assignment, we are looking for engagement with the novel you chose. Your poster needs to be neat, visually appealing and free from spelling and grammar errors. Make sure your name is on the poster.

(Thanks to Ms. Phaneuf, Nantucket Public Schools, 2006 for the poster project idea.)

Michael L. Printz Winners and Honorees

The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. It is named for a Topeka, Kansas school librarian who was a long-time active member of the Young Adult Library Services Association.

Anderson, M.T. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation; v. 1: The Pox Party.*

Anderson, M. T. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Vol. 2: The Kingdom on the Waves.*

Bacigalupi, Paolo. *Ship Breaker.*

Barnes, John. *Tales of the Madman Underground: An Historical Romance, 1973.*

Bray, Libba. *Going Bovine.*

Brenna, Beverley. *The White Bicycle.*

Christopher, Lucy. *Stolen.*

Clarke, Judith. *One Whole and Perfect Day.*

Handler, Daniel. *Why We Broke Up.*

Hartnett, Sonya. *Surrender.*

Heiligman, Deborah. *Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith.*

Hemphill, Stephanie. *Your Own, Sylvia: A Verse Portrait of Sylvia Plath.*

Hinwood, Christine. *The Returning.*

Jenkins, A.M. *Repossessed.*

King, A.S. *Please Ignore Vera Dietz.*

Knox, Elizabeth. *Dreamquake: Book Two of the Dreamhunter Duet.*

Lake, Nick. *In Darkness.*

Lanagan, Margo. *Tender Morsels.*

Lanagan, Margo. *Black Juice.*

Lockhart, E. *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks.*

Marchetta, Melina. *Jellicoe Road.*

McCaughrean, Geraldine. *The White Darkness.*

Nelson, Marilyn. *A Wreath for Emmett Till.*

Partridge, Elizabeth. *John Lennon: All I Want Is the Truth, a Photographic Biography.*

Pratchett, Terry. *Dodger.*

Pratchett, Terry. *Nation.*

Rapp, Adam. *Punkzilla.*

Sáenz, Benjamin Alire. *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe.*

Sedgwick, Marcus. *Revolver.*

Silvey, Craig. *Jasper Jones.*

Stiefvater, Maggie. *The Scorpio Races.*

Teller, Janne. *Nothing.*

Wein, Elizabeth. *Code Name Verity.*

Whaley, John Corey. *Where Things Come Back.*

Yancey, Rick. *The Monstrumologist.*

Yang, Gene Luen. *American Born Chinese.*

Zusak, Markus. *I Am the Messenger.*

Alex Award Winners

The Alex Awards were created to recognize that many teens enjoy and often prefer books written for adults and to assist librarians in recommending adult books that appeal to teens.

****Please note: These are adult novels and may have adult content. Choose wisely. If you or your parents are not comfortable with what you are reading, please choose a different title.****

Baggott, Juliana. *Pure*.
Ballard, Chris. *One Shot at Forever*.
Barlow, Toby. *Sharp Teeth*.
Beard, Jo Ann. *In Zanesville*.
Bell, Alden. *The Reapers Are the Angels: A Novel*.
Bender, Aimee. *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake: A Novel*.
Benioff, David. *City of Thieves*.
Bloom, Stephen G. *The Oxford Project*.
Bognanni, Peter. *The House of Tomorrow*.
Brunt, Carol Rifka. *Tell the Wolves I'm Home*.
Carriger, Gail. *Soulless: An Alexia Tarabotti Novel*.
Cline, Ernest. *Ready Player One*.
Currie, Jr, Ron. *Everything Matters!*
DeWoskin, Rachel. *Big Girl Small*.
Donoghue, Emma. *Room: A Novel*.
Erdrich, Louise. *The Round House*.
Ferraris, Zoë. *Finding Nouf*.
Finkel, David. *The Good Soldiers*.
Grant, Helen. *The Vanishing of Katharina Linden: A Novel*.
Haig, Matt. *The Radleys*.
Hamilton, Steve. *The Lock Artist*.
Hassman, Tupelo. *Girlchild*.
Hauser, Brooke. *The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens*.
Iggulden, Conn. *Genghis: Birth of an Empire*.
Jones, Lloyd. *Mister Pip*.
Jordan, Hillary. *Mudbound*.
Kamkwamba, William and Bryan Mealer. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope*.
King, Stephen. *Just After Sunset: Stories*.
Kwok, Jean. *Girl in Translation*.

Kyle, Aryn. *The God of Animals*.
Lemire, Jeff. *Tales from the Farm: Essex County, v.1*.
Levithan, David. *The Lover's Dictionary*.
Lutz, Lisa. *The Spellman Files*.
Maltman, Thomas. *The Night Birds*.
Merullo, Roland. *The Talk-Funny Girl*.
Morgenstern, Erin. *The Night Circus*.
Murray, Liz. *Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard*.
Pierson, DC. *The Boy Who Couldn't Sleep and Never Had To*.
Polly, Matthew. *American Shaolin: Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of Iron Crotch; An Odyssey in the New China*.
Preston, Caroline. *The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt: A Novel in Pictures*.
Rebeck, Theresa. *Three Girls and Their Brother*.
Rock, Peter. *My Abandonment*.
Rosoff, Meg. *The Bride's Farewell*.
Ross, Richard. *Juvenile in Justice*.
Rothfuss, Patrick. *The Name of the Wind*.
Ruff, Matt. *Bad Monkeys*.
Semple, Maria. *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?*
Sloan, Robin. *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*.
Small, David. *Stitches: A Memoir*.
Swanwick, Michael. *The Dragons of Babel*.
Tinti, Hannah. *The Good Thief*.
Tucker, Todd. *Over and Under*.
Ward, Jesmyn. *Salvage the Bones*.
Welch, Diana, Liz, Amanda, Dan. *The Kids Are All Right: A Memoir*.
Wilson, Daniel H. *Robocalypse: A Novel*.
Wilson, Kevin. *Tunneling to the Center of the Earth*.
Zimmerman, David. *Caring is Creepy*.