



# Eleanor Roosevelt High School

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Dear Incoming Ninth-Grade Student,

We are excited to meet you in September, and we hope you have a relaxing and fun summer. Please choose one of the books listed below to read before school starts in the fall. You may choose a book that you've never read, or you may re-read one that you've already read and enjoyed.

The main character in each of these books goes on a meaningful and insightful journey. As you are reading your selected book, think about what your character is learning and how s/he changes as a result of this journey. We will ask you to write, reflectively, about your reading on the first day of school, and you will be using your chosen text to explore the Hero's Journey during our first unit.

Enjoy your reading!

Adams, Douglas; *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

Adeyemi, Tomi; *Children of Blood and Bone*

Angelou, Maya; *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Haley, Alex; *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*

Hesse, Herman; *Siddhartha*

Houston, Jeanne; *Farewell to Manzanar*

Keyes, Daniel; *Flowers for Algernon*

Kingsolver, Barbara; *Animal Dreams*

Pullman, Philip; *The Golden Compass*

Potok, Chaim; *The Chosen*

Rushdie, Salman; *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*

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

Santiago, Esmeralda; *When I Was Puerto Rican*

Smith, Betty; *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Tan, Amy; *The Bonesetter's Daughter*

Wilson, Willow G.; *Alif the Unseen*

The English Department