



## Summer Reading 2019: Read What You Love

### BCPS/Towson High School

#### Summer Reading Position Statement

Summer reading has many purposes. It helps to improve students' reading stamina, comprehension, and confidence. Most importantly, summer reading inspires students to develop a lifelong love of reading. This summer, we are encouraging students to read what they love: any genre, any medium, any style. By allowing students to select their own texts and to sustain that reading over the summer, we hope students' identities as readers will continue to grow throughout the summer months as they read for enjoyment, read to preview upcoming texts, and read to travel to the destiny of their choosing.

#### Reading Pathways for High School Students

- **Option A:** Choose one of the recommendations from a book list (see back) or choose a title recommended to you by someone you know. Ask your friends, ask your teachers, ask your media specialist, ask your family for ideas!
- **Option B:** Partner with your local library. Visit your local branch to register for their summer reading program.
- **Option C:** Read the *One Maryland, One Book selection*. This year's book is *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City* by Mona Hanna-Attisha. Visit <https://www.mdhumanities.org/programs/one-maryland-one-book/> for more information!

#### Next Steps

1. Use the hashtag **#BCPSummerRead** and post a picture of your book and a tweet about your thoughts on the story.
2. Select an activity from the attached matrix on the back to share what you read with others! *This is optional.*

***Parent Note: We encourage parents to select a book with their child to read this summer. Some books may have content or themes that are not suitable for all audiences.***

## Need Suggestions or Access to Free Books?

### Links To Check Out:

- “Lexile Framework for Reading”: <https://lexile.com/>
- Middle School Suggestions:
  - o <https://www.pragmaticmom.com/booklists/middle-school-kids/>
  - o <https://www.scholastic.com/summer/home/>
  - o <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/book-lists-and-recommendations/favorites-classics/top-picks-middle-schoolers.html>
- Penguin Random House: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/>
- Teen Book Cloud: <https://www.tumblebookcloud.com/Home.aspx>
- “Young Adults’ Choices 2018 Reading List”:  
<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/reading-lists/young-adults-choices/young-adults-choices-reading-list-2018.pdf>
- Young Adult Library Services Association: <http://booklists.yalsa.net/>

### Places To Visit:

- Your school library
- Your local library
- The Book Thing of Baltimore (free books): <https://bookthing.org/>

## What Now? Share what you read Matrix (optional)

<b>Keep On Reading!</b>	<b>Make a Podcast</b>	<b>Write a Journal Entry</b>
Select another title and keep on reading! Did you really enjoy your book? Check out another book by the same author? Is your book part of a series? Read the others!	Share your thoughts on the story through a Podcast. Create your Podcast and share it with others.	Share your thoughts on the story through a journal entry! Talk about your favorite character, your favorite part of the story, and more.
<b>Your Choice</b>	<b>Tweet About It</b>	<b>Create a Book Trailer</b>
Share what you loved about your book through another way of your own choosing!	Use the hashtag <b>#BCPSummerRead</b> and post a picture of your book and a tweet about your thoughts on the story.	Make a book trailer to advertise your book so that others will want to read it, too!
<b>Write a Letter to the Author</b>	<b>Create a Visual</b>	<b>Write and Present a Skit</b>
Write a letter to the author telling the author what you enjoyed about the story or what you learned from it.	Create a visual representation of a key scene in your story.	Make your book come to life. Turn it in to a skit!