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Dear Northridge Students and Parents,

  Everyone at our school is super excited about our summer reading plans! In order to encourage closeness among our students as we continue to foster a culture of reading, the literacy team has chosen a *One School, One Read* book* for the summer—***The Hate U Give*** by Angie Thomas. This book won a 2018 Coretta Scott King Author Honor, a Michael L. Printz Honor, and the Odyssey Award for best audiobook for kids and teens.

  The practice of assigning a common read for all students and faculty members has grown in popularity over the past few years across the country. The contemporary novel we have chosen is one whose plot covers the police shooting of an unarmed black teen—definitely a current event nationwide—and addresses topics of social justice, grief, wealth disparity, interracial dating, policy brutality, and the media's depiction of African Americans. There is some swearing, violence, drug use mentioned, and sexual situations, but none are gratuitous.

  This book can be read as an e-book or listened to as an audio book through our school's and the Tuscaloosa Public Library's Overdrive/Sora. You can also check out a copy at the library or purchase one, if you would like.

  Listed below are the books for summer reading for all of our English classes:

<u>Reg. 9-12 and Honors 9, Honors 10, Honor12</u>: ***The Hate U Give*** by Angie Thomas

<u>Honors 11</u>: choose <u>one</u> from the list of three - ***The Book Thief*** by Markus Zusak, ***Their Eyes Were Watching God*** by Zora Neale Hurston, or ***In Cold Blood*** by Truman Capote.

<u>AP Language</u>: ***The Great Gatsby*** by F. Scott Fitzgerald

<u>AP Literature</u>: choose <u>one</u> from the list of two - ***The Things They Carried*** by Tim O'Brien or ***Dracula*** by Bram Stoker

*As you can see, not all English classes are required to read the book ***The Hate U Give.***

  Students will be tested on the content of the book and complete multiple activities on the book as well. Because of this, it is important for the students to read this novel. Thanks for your support!