

Advanced English 10

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2023 Summer Reading Assignment for Advanced English 10

In Advanced English 10 at Auburn High School, we study literature and look for connections among many varied texts. This summer you will begin this literary journey by purchasing/borrowing ONE of the following novels: *The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley or *The Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay. Both novels are award-winning, contemporary, young adult texts that present several themes we explore in Advanced English 10.

Where Do I Find the Books?

- *The Firekeeper's Daughter* and *The Patron Saints of Nothing* are available through our local bookstores, Auburn Oil Company and Well Red, or you can order copies online through any online bookseller. You may purchase a paper or a digital (Kindle, e-reader, etc.) version.
- The Auburn Public Library on East Thach Avenue has a few copies of the novels; however, if you check out a copy through the library, please be mindful that other students may want to check out a copy, too. Do not hold onto the borrowed book for the entire summer.

What Do I Need to Do?

- READ your selected book! We suggest you focus on plot and character as you read.
- You will take a 100-point, multiple-choice test over your comprehension of your selected novel on the first day of your English class. You may bring one 4" x 6" notecard with any HANDWRITTEN notes you took while you read. **NOTE:** The notecard may have notes written on **ONE SIDE only**.

Final Thoughts

- **Your test over your chosen novel will be given on the first day you have class with your English teacher.** For some of you that will be the first day of school. Remember that the school year always starts on a Blue Day. If you are not sure which day you will see your English teacher, bring your notecard on the first day of school just in case.
- Throughout the year we will read some texts that contain adult issues, themes, and some offensive language, for we are attempting to better understand the human experience. These novels contain mature content. Please read the Amazon reviews of the novels on the next page to make your decision about which novel you will read.
- Do not procrastinate. Secure a book and start reading now.
- Enjoy the book! 😊



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***The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley**

Published March, 2021

With four starred reviews, Angeline Boulley's debut novel, *Firekeeper's Daughter*, is a groundbreaking YA thriller about a Native teen who must root out the corruption in her community, perfect for readers of Angie Thomas and Tommy Orange.

Eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of a fresh start at college, but when family tragedy strikes, Daunis puts her future on hold to look after her fragile mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother Levi's hockey team.

Yet even as Daunis falls for Jamie, she senses the dashing hockey star is hiding something. Everything comes to light when Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into an FBI investigation of a lethal new drug.

Reluctantly, Daunis agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source. But the search for truth is more complicated than Daunis imagined, exposing secrets and old scars. At the same time, she grows concerned with an investigation that seems more focused on punishing the offenders than protecting the victims.

Now, as the deceptions—and deaths—keep growing, Daunis must learn what it means to be a strong Anishinaabe kwe (Ojibwe woman) and how far she'll go for her community, even if it tears apart the only world she's ever known.

Awards:

- Printz Metal Winner
- Morris Award Winner
- American Indian Youth Literature Award YA Honor Book
- Reese Witherspoon and Hello Sunshine Book Club YA Pick
- TIME Magazine Best YA Book of All Time Selection
- Amazon's Best YA Book of 2021 So Far (June 2021)
- A 2021 Kids' Indie Next List Selection

***The Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay**

Published June, 2019

"Brilliant, honest, and equal parts heartbreaking and soul-healing." --Laurie Halse Anderson, author of *SHOUT*

"A singular voice in the world of literature." --Jason Reynolds, author of *Long Way Down*

A powerful coming-of-age story about grief, guilt, and the risks a Filipino-American teenager takes to uncover the truth about his cousin's murder.

Jay Reguero plans to spend the last semester of his senior year playing video games before heading to the University of Michigan in the fall. But when he discovers that his Filipino cousin Jun was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, and no one in the family wants to talk about what happened, Jay travels to the Philippines to find out the real story.

Hoping to uncover more about Jun and the events that led to his death, Jay is forced to reckon with the many sides of his cousin before he can face the whole horrible truth -- and the part he played in it.

As gripping as it is lyrical, *Patron Saints of Nothing* is a page-turning portrayal of the struggle to reconcile faith, family, and immigrant identity.

Awards:

- National Book Award Finalist
- NPR Best Book of the Year
- NBC News Best Asian American Young Adult Book of the Year
- Paste Best Young Adult Book of the Year
- New York Public Library Top 10 Best Book of the Year
- Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year
- Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year
- USA Today Best Book of the Year So Far
- Raleigh News & Observer Best Book of the Year
- Amazon Best Book of the Year
- Junior Library Guild audio selection
- National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) Freeman Book Award Winner
- L.A. Times Book Award Nominee