



## WSHS English 10 Summer Reading List 2009-2010

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### Rising English 10 students will be required to read one of the following:

*(Please note: Pre-AP has a different assignment.)*

***Alanna: The First Adventure*** by Tamora Pierce. Alanna of Trebond is no ordinary girl—her dream is to become a knight. She disguises herself as a boy and begins training at the palace of King Roald. This is a fantasy novel, the first of four in an exciting adventure series!

***Ender's Game*** by Orson Scott Card. In the future, people will have only one child--unless there is reason to believe that the child might be special: a gifted warrior, able to fight an alien menace. Ender Wiggin might be such a child. This powerful and compelling science fiction novel is the winner of both the Hugo and Nebula Awards.

***A Long Way Gone*** by Ishmael Beah. This riveting memoir recounts a boy's experience in the civil war of Sierra Leone. He shares his horrifying story of fleeing from attacking rebel forces, losing his family, and joining the war. This powerful national bestseller is filled with graphic violence and descriptions of drug use.

***A Northern Light*** by Jennifer Donnelly. Sixteen year old Mattie Gokey faces a world of questions. In 1906, options for a girl are limited, especially for a girl with no money and no mother. In the midst of conflicting desires (college, romance, family), Mattie suddenly finds herself involved in the mystery of another young woman's murder. This death prompts Mattie to reconsider her own life-- and to make some difficult and unexpected choices. This novel received an ALA Best Books for Young Adults Award.

Students should be prepared for a **quiz on the summer reading selection** in the first few weeks of school. **Students are strongly encouraged to purchase the books, to take notes while reading, and to pay close attention to the development of characters, setting, plot, and theme.**

\*Teachers may assign additional graded assessments, which may include, but are not limited to essays, projects, and group discussions.