



WSHS English 11 Summer Reading List 2009-2010

All rising eleventh-grade students will read **one** of the following books over the summer. Students should return to school in September prepared to complete an assessment of the chosen book. You are encouraged to purchase a copy of the text to annotate while reading. Parental guidance is encouraged when selecting a title. **The West Springfield Summer Reading List supersedes the Fairfax County Summer Reading List.**

Please select a title from the following list:

Hansberry, Lorraine. *A Raisin in the Sun*. Written by playwright Lorraine Hansberry, the first African American woman to produce on Broadway and recipient of the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, *A Raisin in the Sun* is about a 1959 African American Chicago family coping with their dreams amid a backdrop of racial tension.

London, Jack. *The Call of the Wild*. Written by Jack London in 1903, *The Call of the Wild* is an adventure tale told from the perspective of Buck, a dog taken from California and forced to work as a sled dog in the Alaskan and Yukon territories

Hemingway, Ernest. *The Old Man and the Sea*. This beautifully written novella won Ernest Hemingway the Pulitzer Prize in 1953 and is focused on Santiago, an old fisherman struggling alone against the biggest marlin he's even encountered.

Steinbeck, John. *Tortilla Flat*. John Steinbeck's *Tortilla Flat* is a collection of stories about the vaguely gallant and lovable paisanos Danny, Pilon, and Pablo. The stories are heartfelt, charming, and playful, and demonstrate Steinbeck's penchant for storytelling.