

Identity (Incoming 9th Graders)

Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
American Born Chinese Gene Luen Yang
The Perks of Being a Wallflower Stephen Chbosky
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
American Dervish by Ayad Akhtar

Community (10th Grade)

No One Ever Asked Lisa Wingate and Jodi Picoult
Turtles All the Way Down by John Green
The Girl Who Fell From The Sky by Heidi Durrow
The Giver by Lois Lowry

Family (11th Grade)

Between The World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance
Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
Little Women Louisa M. Alcott
Go Tell It To The Mountain by James Baldwin

Power (12th Grade)

The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
The Maze Runner James Dashner
The Trojan Women by Euripides
King Lear by William Shakespeare
Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare

9th Grade Assignment:

The common concept of the 9th grade texts is finding one's identity. Read one book from the list provided, and in a well-constructed essay, explore how the concept of finding one's identity is conveyed in the text. The essay must be 5 paragraphs, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and double spaced. The essay will be graded according to the Keystone Expository Writing Guidelines.

10th Grade Assignment:

The common concepts of the 10th grade texts are community and a person's role inside their community. Read one book from the list provided, and in a well-constructed essay, explore how the concepts of community and a person's role in the community is conveyed in the text. The essay must be 5 paragraphs, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and double spaced. The essay will be graded according to the Keystone Expository Writing Guidelines.

11th Grade Assignment:

The common concepts of the 11th grade texts are family and familial relationships. Read one book from the list provided, and in a well-constructed essay, explore how the concept of family and familial relationships are conveyed in the text. The essay must be 3-5 pages, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and double spaced. The essay will be graded according to the SAT Essay Scoring Rubric.

12th Grade Assignment:

The common concept of the 12th grade texts is power and the struggle for that power. Read one book from the list provided, and in a well-constructed essay, explore how the concept of power and the struggle for power conveyed in the text. The essay must be 3-5 pages, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, and double spaced. The essay will be graded according to the SAT Essay Scoring Rubric.