

ACADEMY AT PALUMBO
9TH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST
(2020-2021)

Students going into the ninth grade are required to read **both** of the novels found below..

Students should have their summer reading books and their notes on summer reading on the first day of school. Each ninth grade teacher will determine how they will assess the summer reading upon the return of the students. Students should come to class ready to engage with the texts. You are required to have **your own copy** of the texts to use in class. We encourage you to mark-up the texts as you read. It is up to you to decide what you take notes on and the style of your notes. In order to help guide your reading and prepare you to analyze the texts, we suggest that you use the following three questions to help guide your note taking:

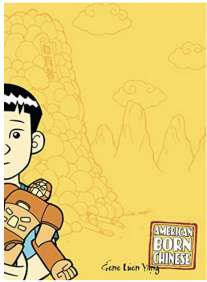
- 1) What do I notice?
- 2) Why do I think the author included this (characterization, metaphor, dialogue, etc.)?
- 3) What is the greater point the author is trying to make (the greater significance)?

*Cite the quotes you write down in your notes, so that you can go back and find them in the texts.

Want to have the Free Library of Philadelphia mail you a **FREE copy of one of your summer reading books**??? [Click here](#) to fill out the form and have them send you a FREE book (note: you may request one of the books from our summer reading list, even if it is not listed as one of their choices. Please select a hard copy (not an electronic or audio copy). If you have any questions about summer reading/getting a free book from the library, you can email Mrs. Kay with your questions: cminer@philasd.org.

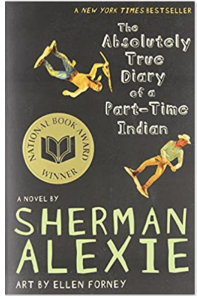
Summer Reading for 9th Graders

[American Born Chinese](#) by Gene Luen Yang



American Born Chinese tells the story of three apparently unrelated characters: Jin Wang, who moves to a new neighborhood with his family only to discover that he's the only Chinese-American student at his new school; the powerful Monkey King, subject of one of the oldest and greatest Chinese fables; and Chin-Kee, a personification of the ultimate negative Chinese stereotype, who is ruining his cousin Danny's life with his yearly visits. Their lives and stories come together with an unexpected twist in this action-packed modern fable.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie



Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.