



# THE BIG READ 2019

GUIDED BY WHS 8 CONDITIONS OF STUDENT SUCCESS

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## Wildcats, Get Ready for The WHS Big Read!

Coming to Tutorial on August 26, 2019

All WHS students are expected to read at least one 150+ page book of their choice over the summer.  
Fiction? Non-Fiction? Subject Matter?

### Student Choice!

We recommend parents review titles and content, and assist their student in making a suitable selection.

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**Goals:** To advance literacy and academic performance by engaging students in reading.  
To foster a love of reading through self-selected books of personal interest.  
To build community through discussion of ourselves, the WHS 8 Conditions, & the world.

**Rationale:** Prevent "Summer Slide."  
Studies estimate that school summer breaks can cause the average student to lose up to one month of instruction, disproportionately affecting disadvantaged students (Cooper 1996).

#### As you read The WHS Big Read book of your choice, think about the following:

**You!** How do you relate personally to the characters, setting, conflicts, topics, and situations?  
How do you see yourself in the book, and how does the book represent you in some way?

**8 Conditions:** How does the book exemplify any of the WHS 8 Conditions of Student Success:  
*Belonging, Heroes, Sense of Accomplishment, Fun & Excitement, Curiosity & Creativity, Spirit of Adventure, Leadership & Responsibility, and Confidence to Take Action?*

**The World:** How does the book link to the world around us: current events, popular trends, politics, history, careers, the environment, cultures, human nature?

The only summer work for The WHS Big Read is to read! Take notes if it will help you keep track of your ideas. You will share your ideas about your reading with classmates during The WHS Big Read Conversation on August 26, 2019.

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#### Need ideas on what to read?

For print books: Visit the WHS library anytime or the WHS book fair on May 30 & 31, 2019.

For free access to electronic books: Visit [www.plsinfo.org](http://www.plsinfo.org) for a free library card, and download the "Libby" app.

#### Enrolled in an AS or AP English class?

You may use one of the required books listed below or any book of your choice for The WHS Big Read.

AS English I: *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah  
Short Story Packet (Print from WHS website. Limited copies in WHS guidance & attendance offices.)

AS English II: *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro  
*The Elements of Style* by Strunk & White

AP English Language & Composition: *The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston  
*Thank You for Arguing* by Jay Heinrich

AP English Literature & Composition: *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë  
*The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers  
Recommended: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

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