Hello readers! Please choose two (2) books from this list and follow the instructions provided by your teacher. You can choose ANY of the books on this list in whichever order you like! The list is broken down into sections for ease. Please explore and enjoy!

Ms. Geaghan

**Classics**

*All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot - Presents the first-hand account of a young English veterinarian starting his career in the Yorkshires nearly forty years ago.

*The Blue Sword* by Robin McKinley - Prequel: *The Hero and the Crown*.; Newbery Medal Honor Book, 1983 Harry, bored with her sheltered life in the remote orange-growing colony of Daria, discovers magic in herself when she is kidnapped by a native king with mysterious powers.
The Darkangel by Meredith Ann Pierce - The servant girl Aeriel must choose between destroying her vampire master for his evil deeds or saving him for the sake of his beauty and the spark of greatness she has seen in him.

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer - In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury - In these eighteen startling tales unfolding across a canvas of tattooed skin, living cities take their vengeance, technology awakens the most primal natural instincts, and dreams are carried aloft in junkyard rockets. Provocative and powerful, The Illustrated Man is a kaleidoscopic blending of magic, imagination, and truth—as exhilarating as interplanetary travel, as maddening as a walk in a million-year rain, and as comforting as simple, familiar rituals on the last night of the world.
Last Summer with Maizon by Jacqueline Woodson -
Eleven-year-old Margaret tries to accept the inevitable changes that come one summer when her father dies and her best friend Maizon goes away to a private boarding school.

Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry - A three-act play concerned with the tensions in a middle-class African American family living on Chicago's Southside in the 1950s.

The Ruby and The Smoke by Philip Pullman - In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.
A Solitary Blue by Cynthia Voigt - Jeff's mother, who deserted the family years before, reenters his life and widens the gap between Jeff and his father, a rift that only truth, love, and friendship can heal.

Someone Like You by Sarah Dessen - Halley's junior year of high school includes the death of her best friend Scarlett's boyfriend, the discovery that Scarlett is pregnant, and Halley's own first serious relationship.

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson - A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith - Young Francie Nolan, having inherited both her father's romantic and her mother's practical nature, struggles to survive and thrive growing up in the slums of Brooklyn in the early twentieth century.

Watership Down by Richard Adams - A group of hardy Berkshire rabbits share many adventures together as they search for a safe place to establish a new warren after the destruction of their community.
New(er) and Noteworthy

Absolutely Truly by Heather Vogel Frederick - Twelve-year-old Truly Lovejoy's family moves to a small town to take over a bookstore. Soon, she has to solve two mysteries involving a missing book and an undelivered letter.

Afterworlds by Scott Westerfeld - In alternating chapters, eighteen-year-old Darcy Patel navigates the New York City publishing world and Lizzie, the heroine of Darcy's novel, slips into the "Afterworld" to survive a terrorist attack and becomes a spirit guide, as both face many challenges and both fall in love.

Always Emily by Michaela MacColl - Young Emily and Charlotte Bronte investigate a possible connection between a series of local burglaries and rumors that a neighbor's death may not have been accidental.
Breakfast Served Anytime by Sarah Combs - Gloria decides to attend a summer camp for gifted students before her senior year of high school and finds herself dealing with the loss of her grandmother, a mysterious professor, and obnoxious fellow campers.

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein - In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

The Devil's Intern by Donna Hosie - Seventeen-year-old Mitchell discovers a time-travel device that will allow him to escape his internship in Hell's accounting office and return to Earth, but his plans to alter the circumstances of his own death take an unexpected turn when his three closest friends in Hell insist on accompanying him back to the land of the living.
Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin - After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

Every Day by David Levithan - Every morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.

Evil Librarian by Michelle Knudsen - Cynthia Rothschild has discovered that the new, very good looking librarian is a demon and it is up to her to save her best friend Anne, who has become a librarian monitor, and the rest of the school from the evil Mr. Gabriel.
Free to Fall by Lauren Miller - In a near-future world where everyone is controlled by their smartphones, sixteen-year-old Rory Vaughn suddenly begins listening to the voice within--which kids are taught to ignore--and discovers a terrible plot at the heart of the corporation that makes the devices.

Going Over by Beth Kephart - In the early 1980s Ada and Stefan are young, would-be lovers living on opposite sides of the Berlin Wall--Ada lives with her mother and grandmother and paints graffiti on the Wall, and Stefan lives with his grandmother in the East and dreams of escaping to the West.

How to Save a Life by Sara Zarr - Told from their own viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Jill, in grief over the loss of her father, and Mandy, nearly nineteen, are thrown together when Jill's mother agrees to adopt Mandy's unborn child but nothing turns out as they had anticipated.
Jackaby by R. William Ritter - Newly arrived in 1892 New England, Abigail Rook becomes assistant to R. F. Jackaby, an investigator of the unexplained with the ability to see supernatural beings, and she helps him delve into a case of serial murder which, Jackaby is convinced, is due to a nonhuman creature.

A Mad, Wicked Folly by Sharon Biggs - In 1909 London, as the world of debutante balls and high society obligations closes in around her, seventeen-year-old Victoria must figure out just how much is she willing to sacrifice to pursue her dream of becoming an artist.

The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier - Orphans Molly, fourteen, and Kip, ten, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be, and soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house. A spine-tingling tale.
Salt and Storm by Kendall Kulper - Sixteen-year-old Avery Roe wants to take her rightful place as the sea witch of Prince Island. When she foresees her own murder, a harpoon boy named Tane promises to help her change her fate and keep her island safe and prosperous, but salvation will require an unexpected sacrifice.

The Scorpio Races by Maggie Steifvater - Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.

She Is Not Invisible by Marcus Sedgwick - A London teenager, who is blind, and her younger brother travel to New York to find their missing father, using clues from his notebook.
A Time to Dance by Padma Vankatraman - In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart - Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

The Young Elites by Marie Lu - Adelina Amouteru survived the blood fever, a deadly illness that killed many, but left others with strange markings and supernatural powers. Cast out by her family, Adelina joins the secret society of the Young Elites and discovers her own dangerous abilities. Look for the sequel this summer: The Rose Society.
Series

The 5th Wave, The Infinite Sea, and The Last Star (2016) by Rick Yancey
Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.

The Burning Sky by Sherry Thomas - A young elemental mage named Iolanthe Seabourne discovers her shocking power and destiny when she is thrown together with a deposed prince to lead a rebellion against a tyrant.

The Perilous Sea by Sherry Thomas After returning to Eton College, Titus makes a shocking discovery in his mother's diary that causes him to question everything he believed about his and Iolanthe's Mission.
The Flavia De Luce Mystery Series by Alan Bradley - Precocious 11-year old fascinated with chemistry and death bicycles around Bishop's Lacey from ancient country house Buckshaw in 1950s England.

Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer - When a meteor hits the moon, teenage Miranda and her friends and family struggle to survive the unimaginable. Four gripping books that follow their ordeal include in order: LIFE AS WE KNEW IT, THE DEAD AND THE GONE, THIS WORLD WE LIVE IN, THE SHADE OF THE MOON.

The Lorien Legacies series by Pittacus Lore - In the beginning, they were a group of nine. Nine aliens who fled from their home planet of Lorien when it fell under attack by the evil Mogadorians. They scattered on Earth and went into hiding until the day they would be ready to strike back. They look just like ordinary teenagers, but they have extraordinary abilities known amongst their people as Legacies. The
Mogadorians still hunt the Loric survivors here on Earth. They caught Number One in Malaysia. Number Two in England. Number Three in Kenya. And they killed them all. They tried to capture Number Four, John Smith—but failed. Now the teenagers are beginning to find each other. And they must all reunite before it is too late—for any of us.

The Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer -
Once upon a time, in the future... The Lunar Chronicles are futuristic retellings of classic fairy tales. In CINDER, a teenage cyborg (half human, half machine) must deal with a wicked stepmother, start a rebellion against the evil Queen Levana, and decide how she feels about a handsome prince. As the series continues, Cinder forges alliances with Scarlet, a spaceship pilot who is determined to solve the mystery of a missing loved one — with the help of a magnetic street fighter named Wolf; Cress, a computer hacker who is imprisoned by Queen Levana; and Winter, a princess who's in love with a commoner, and who discovers that Cinder, Scarlet, and Cress may hold the key to saving her kingdom — and the world.

Sabriel by Garth Nix - Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead. The series is called the Abhorsen Series and includes Sabriel, Lireal, Abhorsen, and Clariel.
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld - Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen year old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like.

Graphic Novel

The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod series by Tony Lee - A graphic novel adaptation of Heather Brewer's novel in which thirteen-year-old half-vampire Vladimir Tod, now in high school, trains to hone his mind control skills and deals with a vampire slayer.

Ms. Marvel by G. Willow Wilson - Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City - until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the new Ms. Marvel? Teenager? Muslim? Inhuman? Find out as she takes the Marvel Universe by storm! When Kamala discovers the dangers of her newfound powers, she unlocks a secret behind them, as well. Is Kamala ready to wield these immense new gifts? Or will the weight of the legacy before her be too much to bear?
Poetry and Novels in Verse

Dust of Eden by Mariko Nagai - Thirteen-year-old Mina Tagawa and her Japanese-American family are forced to evacuate their Seattle home and are relocated to an internment camp in Idaho, where they live for three years.

How I Discovered Poetry by Marilyn Nelson - The author reflects on her childhood in the 1950s and her development as an artist and young woman through fifty poems that consider such influences as the Civil Rights Movement, the "Red Scare" era, and the feminist movement.
Non-Fiction

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson - The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.

I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai - Malala Yousafzai’s describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.

Unbroken: An Olympian’s Journey from Castaway to Captive by Laura Hillenbrand - adapted for young adults”-A biography of Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who had been rambunctious in childhood before succeeding in track and eventually serving in the military, which led to a trial in which he was forced to find a way to survive in the open ocean after being shot down.