

Royal West Academy - Grade 9

2026 Summer Reading List & Instructions

You must read **two** of the following selections:

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Dear Martin by Nic Stone

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline

IMPORTANT information: All students will be required to complete the **RWA Summer Reading Reflection** upon their return to classes. This activity will take a full period, and students will be individually asked questions intended on allowing them to think critically about both novels and be creative. Students will complete additional individual assignments based on one or both of the books read. Furthermore, students will take part in a group project on a book that they have read. Detailed instructions will be provided in class at the start of the year.

We encourage students to take notes as they read their Summer Reading novels. Students are invited to consult the **Note Taking Guide**, published alongside our Summer Reading lists, on our school website. Finally, audiobooks can only be used as a support, and are not a replacement for the actual act of reading.

You are expected to read the books and prepare carefully for your summer reading assessment which will take place over the course of September.

Please note that some of these books have mature themes; we encourage students to consult reviews and/or speak to their teachers to make sure the books they choose to read are a good fit.

Have a great summer and happy reading!