



## Holy Name High School Summer Reading 2021

### Freshman Summer Reading List

Before the year starts, students taking **English I (110 or 115)** will read the following **two (2)** required works of literature. Students taking **Honors English I (111)** will read the **two (2)** required selections and one (1) selection of the student's choice from the list below.

#### **Required Book:**

*The Red Bandanna* - Tom Rinaldi

One Sunday morning before church, when Welles Crowther was a young boy, his father gave him a red handkerchief for his back pocket. Welles kept it with him that day, and just about every day to come; it became a fixture and his signature.

Fresh from college, Welles took a Wall Street job on the 104th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center. When the Twin Towers fell, Welles's parents had no idea what happened to him. In the unbearable days that followed, they came to accept that he would never come home. Eight months after the attacks, Welles's mother read a news account from several survivors, badly hurt on the 78th floor of the South Tower. They had been led to safety by a stranger, carrying a woman on his back, down nearly twenty flights of stairs. The survivors didn't know his name, but despite the smoke and panic, one of them remembered a single detail clearly: the man was wearing a red bandanna.

#### **Required Book:**

*A Step From Heaven* - An Na

After flying from Korea to America, four-year-old Young Ju concludes that they are on their way to heaven - America is heaven! Once they arrive, however, Young Ju, her parents, and her little brother struggle in their new world, weighed down by the difficulty of learning English, their insular family life, and the traditions of the country they left behind. Author An Na authentically reflects the process of acculturation following Young's life from the age of four all the way until she is ready for college, as we watch her change from a hopeful girl into a hardened young adult.

### **HONORS ENGLISH I: Read BOTH Required Books AND Choose One (1) Additional Book**

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* - Mark Haddon

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world, their capitals, and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. One day a neighbor's dog is killed, and his carefully constructive universe is threatened. Christopher sets out to solve the murder in the style of his favorite detective, Sherlock Holmes.

*The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* - Wes Moore

Two kids named Wes Moore were born blocks apart within a year of each other. Both grew up fatherless in similar Baltimore neighborhoods and had difficult childhoods; both hung out on street corners with their crews; both ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence?