



Amesbury High School Summer Reading 2025

Grade 9: *Concrete Rose* by Angie Thomas*

**Concrete Rose* is a prequel to the Grade 9 novel *The Hate U Give*, adding relevant background information and important character development for a deeper understanding of *The Hate U Give*. *Concrete Rose* contains mature content (age 14+) related to the socioeconomic and racial conditions of the story's setting: drug use, gang activity, gun violence, and swearing. This content is present in the context of developing the novel's themes of responsibility, maturity, grief, poverty, and systemic injustice.

Grade 10: *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore

Grade 11: *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

Grade 12: *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay

A limited number of texts are available in the AHS main office to sign out over the summer. Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am-2:00 pm. Books will also be available at the Amesbury Public Library and/or through interlibrary loan requests.

Honors and AP students are required to read and will be assessed. College Prep (CP) students are encouraged to read, but it is not mandatory. Extra credit will be available to CP students who read and take the assessment. **Testing will take place in early September.** The testing date is TBD, but will be within the first two weeks of school.

If a CP student reads and wants to take the test for extra credit, they need to see:

Grade 9: Mrs. Daileanes

Grade 11: Mr. Bastien

Grade 10: Mrs. Little

Grade 12: Mrs. Brockmyre

Any questions or concerns about summer reading can be directed to English Department Head, Mr. Bastien (steven.bastien@amesburyma.org).