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**One Book**

1. Your choice of ***ONE*** of the following:
   1. *Funny in Farsi* by Firoozeh Dumas
   2. *Brighton Beach Memoirs* by Neil Simon
   3. *How to be a Chicana Role Model* by Michelle Serros
   4. *The Freedom Writers Diary* by Erin Gruwell
   5. *Always Running* by Luiz Rodriguez
   6. *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
   7. *Angela’s Ashes* by Frank McCourt

* You can purchase your own copy of one of these titles. If you choose to buy it, I suggest you purchase used books from online sellers. If you cannot buy your own copies, you can check these titles out at the library.

You will need to read the book with understanding, so you will be analyzing things such as theme, tone, mood, style, perspective, point of view, etc.

For your book choice, you will be completing a project and presentation once school begins. Details of this project’s requirements and due dates will be given on the first day of class.

Please be aware that while many of these titles are not difficult to read, they do contain adult situations, issues, subjects, and topics. Some may have material that your parents deem inappropriate or not suitable for you. Please let your parents preview the novel that you would like to read to address any concerns they may have.

As honors students, you are expected to be at a higher level of thinking and more often than not maturity. Please understand that at no time are scenes of sex or rape glorified in my classroom nor will any religion “bashing” be tolerated. If you voice concerns or questions about the novel in class, we discuss them as mature individuals to try to understand what that scene adds to our understanding of that novel or its themes or why the author would include those particular details (not to just talk about it).