Non-Fiction Summer Books For 12th Grade “Global Inequalities”

Choose ONE

1. *Daring to Drive*, by Manal Al-Sharif

2. *Behind the Beautiful Forevers – Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*, by Katherine Boo


4. *All Day – A Year of Love and Survival Teaching Incarcerated Kids at Rikers Island*, by Liza Peterson

5. *Utopia For Realists – How We Can Build the Ideal World*, by Rutger Bregman

6. *Undocumented – A Dominican Boy’s Odyssey From a Homeless Shelter to the Ivy League*, by Dan-El Peralta

7. *Planet of Slums*, by Mike Davis (global inequality, urban over-population, and possible solutions)

8. *China’s Second Continent*, by Howard French (China and Africa)

9. *Until We Are Free*, by Shirin Ebadi (Human Rights in Iran)


12. Unwarranted – Policing Without Permission, by Barry Friedman


14. The Defender – How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America, by Ethan Michaeli.

15. “The Blood of Emmett Till,” by Timothy Tyson. The real, recently uncovered story behind one of the worst racially motivated murders in the US,

16. “No One Cares About Crazy People,” by Ron Powers. The crisis of mental illness and how we perceive and treat it in the US.

17. “The Problem With Me (and Other Essays About Making Trouble in China Today),” by Han Han, China’s most popular blogger.

18. “Jackson, 1964,” by Calvin Trillin (a collection of a journalist’s stories from the Deep South Civil Rights Movement until today, dealing with race and racism)

19. “Making Rent in Bed-Stuy,’ by Brandon Harris


23. “Hillbilly Elegy,” by J.D. Vance


25. “Janesville,” by Amy Goldstein

26. Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother’s Will to Survive, by Stephanie Land

27. Fifty Million Rising: The New Generation of Working Women Transforming the Muslim World, by Saadia Zahidi


29. Educated: A Memoir, by Tara Westover


32. *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace*, by Jeff Hobbs

33. *Just Mercy – A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson

34. *Solitary – Unbroken by Four Decades in Solitary Confinement*, by Albert Woodfox


36. *White Fragility – Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, by Robin Diangelo

37. *Berkeley – The Student Revolt*, by Hal Draper

38. *The Other Wes Moore – One Name, Two Fates*, by Wes Moore

39. *On Tyranny – Twenty Lessons From the Twentieth Century*, by Timothy Snyder