

TEMA Reading List for Year 9

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins – Katniss takes her sister's place in the dystopian Hunger Games, which she regards as a death sentence. Will she survive?

Everything Everything by Nicola Yoon – a girl who has a rare disease meets someone new. She wants out of her bubble. She wants everything the world has to offer.

Moonrise by Sarah Crossan - about a teen boy, Joe, trying to figure out how to best support his older brother, who's on death row.

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green – Hazel has terminal cancer and when a gorgeous boy named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten – read this if you enjoyed A Monster Calls

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo - about the devastation of loss, the difficulty of forgiveness, and the bittersweet bonds that shape our lives – read this if you enjoyed The Poet X

The Giver by Lois Lowry – Jonas, a boy in a dystopian world, is chosen for a special job in which he will hold all the memories of joy and pain in life – read this if you enjoyed Animal Farm

Let Us Descend by Jesmyn Ward – a harrowing but hopeful story of love, rebirth and reclamation from the perspective of a slave – read this if you enjoyed The Fire Next Time (Year 9 non-fiction)

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld - a story about a dystopian world in which beauty means status – read this if you enjoyed identity poetry, Iridescent Adolescent or Animal Farm

And the Stars Were Burning Brightly by Danielle Jawando - an emotionally rich and current story of suicide, mental health, bullying, grief and growing up around social media – read this if you enjoyed When Our Worlds Collided

Not the End of the World by Geraldine McCaughrean – a story about Noah's Ark, told by Noah's daughter – read this if you enjoyed The Fall, Iridescent Adolescent

Classics to read:

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott – four sisters are united in their devotion to their family and struggles to survive in the American Civil War

The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis - Journeys to the end of the world, fantastic creatures, and epic battles between good and evil—what more could any reader ask for in one book?

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald - The story of the mysteriously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s.

Lord of the Flies by William Golding - Lord of the Flies is perhaps our most memorable novel about “the end of innocence, the darkness of man’s heart.”

The Complete Stories and Poems by Edgar Allan Poe – this collection illuminates the diverse and multifaceted genius of one of the greatest and most influential figures in American literary history.

Non-Fiction books:

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey - In an entertaining style, Covey provides a step-by-step guide to help teens improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve their goals, get along with their parents, and much more.

In the Shadow of the Moon by Amy Cherrix - The most ambitious race humankind has ever undertaken was masterminded in the shadows by two engineers on opposite sides of the Cold War

Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall – Ten maps that tell you everything you need to know about global politics

Freakonomics by Steven D Levitt - Which is more dangerous, a gun or a swimming pool? What do schoolteachers and sumo wrestlers have in common?

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates – the author attempts to answer questions for his son about being a Black man in America

The Clever Teens’ Guide to World War Two by Felix Rhodes - covers all the major facts and events, giving you a clear and straightforward overview of the politics involved, the violence that ensued and how it changed the world in unimaginable ways.

This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate by Naomi Klein -
Forget everything you think you know about global warming. It's not about carbon—it's about capitalism. The good news is that we can seize this crisis to transform our failed economic system and build something radically better.