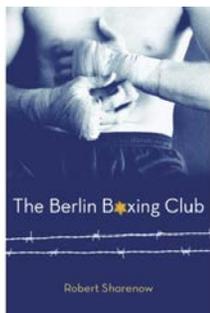


## English III Honors Required Summer Reading

The MHS Language Arts Department welcomes you to your Junior year! This summer's reading requirement is that you read one of the books listed below. **This is NOT OPTIONAL!!** We will use what you learn from this book and the work you do with it, to complete several summative assignments at the beginning of the year!! **All English 3 Honors students have to do required summer reading**☺ If you have questions concerning summer reading, please feel free to email Mrs. Harless at [harlejl@bay.k12.fl.us](mailto:harlejl@bay.k12.fl.us)

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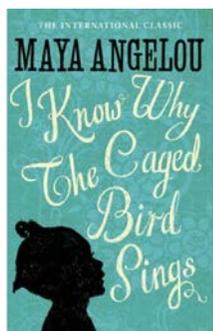
Choose one of the following:



### *The Berlin Boxing Club* by Robert Sharenow

Karl Stern has never thought of himself as a Jew; after all, he's never even been in a synagogue. But the bullies at his school in Nazi-era Berlin don't care that Karl's family doesn't practice religion. Demoralized by their attacks against a heritage he doesn't accept as his own, Karl longs to prove his worth.

Or



### *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

A 1969 autobiography about the early years of American writer and poet Maya Angelou. It is a coming-of-age story that illustrates how strength of character and a love of literature can help overcome racism and trauma. The book begins when three-year-old Maya and her older brother are sent to Stamps, Arkansas, to live with their grandmother and ends when Maya becomes a mother at the age of 16. In the course of *Caged Bird*, Maya transforms from a victim of racism with an inferiority complex into a self-possessed, dignified young woman capable of responding to prejudice.

**Note:** These books contain some mature subject matter including graphic violence and language, so please look over the books prior to making a decision about what you will read to insure you and your parents are comfortable with the subject matter. If you have concerns, contact the English Department Head, Jodi Harless at [harlejl@bay.k12.fl.us](mailto:harlejl@bay.k12.fl.us), for an alternative selection.

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After reading one of the novels, you will complete 2 assignments from the following:

#### Choice A

Illustrate an important scene from the book. Include the page number where the scene appears. You may draw, cut out pictures, and/or use computer art.

#### Choice B

Write a total of 5 journal/reader's log entries (include at least one from the beginning, middle and end of the book). Each entry should include the following: A quote from the book, the page number on which the quotation appears, a 3-5 sentence summary written in the voice of a character other than the narrator. Write the way he/she would speak. Also include 2-5 sentences telling why you selected this quote from the text.

#### Choice C

Imagine that you are the literary agent working to get this novel published. Write a letter to the publishing company and persuade them to publish the book. What arguments would you use?