

# Summer Reading

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## Booker T. Washington High School 2016/2017 Juniors (grade 11)

Juniors will read the following book:

- ***Caucasia* by Danzy Senna**

In *Caucasia*—Danzy Senna's extraordinary debut novel and national bestseller—Birdie and Cole are the daughters of a black father and a white mother, intellectuals and activists in the Civil Rights Movement in 1970s Boston. The sisters are so close that they have created a private language, yet to the outside world they can't be sisters: Birdie appears to be white, while Cole is dark enough to fit in with the other kids at the Afrocentric school they attend. For Birdie, Cole is the mirror in which she can see her own blackness.

(<http://www.amazon.com/Caucasia-Novel-Danzy-Senna/dp/1573227161>)

We recommend that you:

- purchase or check out the book early. Book stores and libraries may be in short supply in late summer.
- go in together with two or three friends to share the expense.
- Purchase a used book online or download an ebook.
- take notes as you read.

**We will be working with the book when you begin school in August, so you must have the book read and be ready to begin classroom assignments the first day of school.**