

# Ninth Grade Honors Lit Summer Reading 2019

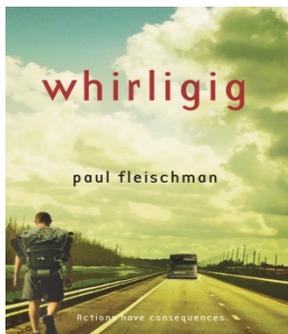
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Welcome to Ninth Grade Honors Literature and Composition! To prepare for your freshman year, you will have recommended summer reading. This year, you will have two options for being assessed on your reading: you may test the first week of school, or you may test the last week in August. Once school begins, you will be required to keep up with the curriculum and all the assignments associated with the class. Thus, I strongly recommend that you finish the book during the summer and test during the first week. To that end, the first test administered will be less comprehensive than the second test.

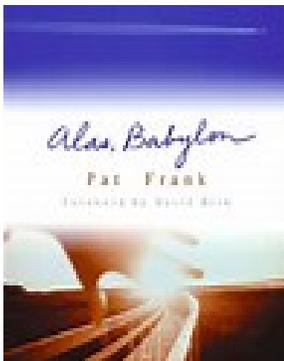
This year you may choose between *Whirligig*, written by Paul Fleischman, and *Alas, Babylon*, written by Pat Frank. You may read your choice in any format you'd like. We'd recommend purchasing a used copy from Amazon.com or another bookstore (used copies start at a penny plus \$3.99 shipping), procuring a copy from the public library, reading the book electronically, or checking out a copy from Student Services at Sequoyah (which will be open through June).

*Whirligig* description from Amazon.com:



"With a family always on the move, popularity and the ability to fit in quickly are vital to Brent Bishop's high school survival. When he blows his chances with the girl of his dreams in front of everyone, he's devastated. Brent tries to end it all in a fatal car crash, but instead he finds an unlikely beginning. He's sent on a journey of repentance—a cross-country trip building whirligigs. His wind toys are found by people in need: a Maine schoolgirl yearning for her first love, a Miami street-sweeper desperate for peace and quiet, a kid in Washington who just wants to play baseball, and a San Diego teenager dealing with loss. Brent's whirligigs bring hope to others, but will they be able to heal the wounds deep inside himself?"

*Alas, Babylon* description from Amazon.com:



"'Alas, Babylon.' Those fateful words heralded the end. When a nuclear holocaust ravages the United States, a thousand years of civilization are stripped away overnight, and tens of millions of people are killed instantly. But for one small town in Florida, miraculously spared, the struggle is just beginning, as men and women of all backgrounds join together to confront the darkness."