**Grades 9 & 10**

**SUMMER READING CHOICES**

Choose ONE book from this list to read this summer. Arrive at school in the fall ready to discuss your book. You can find these books on soraapp.com and at your local library!

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**FANTASY**

*This Vicious Grace*

_by Emily Thiede_

Alessa has a gift from the gods that’s supposed to magnify a partner’s magic, but instead it’s killing every suitor she touches, and with her island in danger and a powerful priest convincing her soldiers that her death is the island’s only hope, she hires Dante, a cynical outcast who could either help her or destroy her.

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**SCIENCE FICTION**

*Iron Widow*

_by Xiran Jay Zhao_

A feminist sci-fi story inspired by Chinese history? Sign us up. Iron Widow is a richly imagined, nonstop alien adventure that is truly unlike anything we’ve ever read. A vibrant and unrelenting trio of main characters make this story a true standout, along with a shocking ending that will leave readers clamoring for the sequel.

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**REALISTIC FICTION**

*We Deserve Monuments*

_by Jas Hammonds_

Avery Anderson is convinced her senior year is ruined when she’s uprooted from her life in DC and forced into the hostile home of her terminally ill grandmother. The tension between Avery’s mom and grandmother unearths past drama they refuse to talk about, but the racist history of her new Georgia home is rooted in Avery’s family in ways she can’t even imagine. Avery must decide if digging for the truth is worth toppling the delicate relationships she’s built in Bardell—or if some things are better left buried.

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**POETRY**

*Call Us What We Carry*

_by Amanda Gorman_

In Call Us What We Carry, presidential inaugural poet Amanda Gorman explores history, language, identity, and erasure through an imaginative and intimate collage. Harnessing the collective grief of a global pandemic, this beautifully designed volume features poems in many inventive styles and structures and shines a light on a moment of reckoning. Call Us What We Carry reveals that Gorman has become our messenger from the past, our voice for the future.