

# ENGLISH 9 and 9CP

## Discrimination

- The Sun Is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon  
/ facing deportation as an immigrant
- Inventing Victoria* by Tonya Bolden  
/ 1880's society as a young black woman
- A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi  
/ post-9/11 as a Muslim American girl in NYC
- The Passion of Dolssa* by Julie Berry  
/ the Crusades in France as a woman with "healing powers"
- Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome  
/ being a young black man during the Great Migration
- Monster* by Walter Dean Myers  
/ facing the justice system as a young black man
- Monday's Not Coming Back* by Tiffany D. Jackson  
/ the disappearance of a young black woman
- We Are the Ants* by Shaun David Hutchinson  
/ surviving bullies as LGBTQ+

## Family Dynamics

- Afterworlds* by Scott Westerfeld  
/ lying to Indian-American parents about going to college
- If I Was Your Girl* by Meredith Russo  
/ parent-child relationships after coming out as trans
- When Rishi Met Dimple* by Sandhya Menon  
/ the complications of arranged marriages
- Far from the Tree* by Robin Benway  
/ three different siblings separated by adoption
- I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson  
/ keeping secrets from your twin / LGBTQ+
- The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo  
/ coming from a religious family in Harlem
- The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
/ a daughter's relationship with her veteran father who has PTSD
- Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt  
/ about being a father at 13 years old and what it costs

## Overcoming an Obstacle

*Brave Enough* by Kati Gardner

/ overcoming physical disability as an athlete

*The Weight of Our Sky* by Hanna Alkaf

/ overcoming OCD during the 1969 race riots of Kuala Lumpur

*The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

/ surviving the Darfur genocide in 2003

*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson

/ fighting for freedom as a slave during the Revolutionary War

*This Is Where It Ends* by Marieke Nijkamp

/ surviving a gun shooting on the first day of school

*Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertalli

/ overcoming peer expectations as LGBTQ+

*Pandemic* by Yvonne Ventresca

/ surviving mass sickness

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon

/ solving a mystery as an autistic boy

## Facing a Personal Challenge

*Pointe* by Brandy Colbert

/ when being a snitch means saving your friend at the cost of your reputation

*Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher

/ anger management meets swim team

*Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram

/ moving to Iran while suffering from depression

*Exit, Pursued By a Bear* by E.K. Johnston

/ what it takes to get better after sexual assault

*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

/ the personal challenges of a family that loves basketball

*All the Bright Places* by Jennifer Nixen

/ mental illness and what it does to relationships

*We Are Okay* by Nina LaCour

/ overcoming a break-up as an LGBTQ+ teen