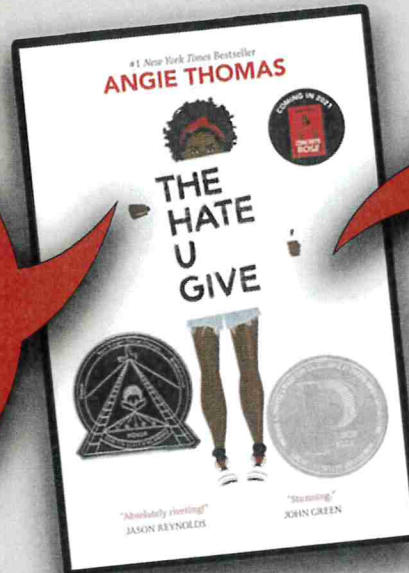


Common Reading for 2021

Your first college assignment:

Read *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

All first-year students will participate in a book discussion during Welcome Week. This will be your first meeting with your LAS 110 class.



The Hate U Give is required for LAS 110 and is available at our online bookstore **Academos**

**Due:
August
24th**

Common Reading Discussion Questions

This reading and the discussion are meant to introduce you to the kinds of academic work you'll have in college. Preparing thoughtful answers to these questions will help prepare you for engaging and meaningful discussion.

1. On the first page, Starr says, "there are just some places where it's not enough to be me. Either version of me." What does she mean? How are the two versions of Starr different from each other? Why is Starr's identity such a complicated issue?
2. How do different characters in the novel think about community? What does being part of a community mean for various characters, and how do these characters interact with their communities?
3. How does Starr's struggle to find her voice parallel the struggle for justice for Khalil? What are some key moments that help Starr find her voice?
4. Which characters show responsible citizenship? Where or how do they demonstrate this value?
5. Race is a difficult topic for many Americans to discuss, especially in racially mixed groups. This novel, though, often models how to—and how not to—talk about race. Choose one conversation about race from the novel and consider: Is this conversation productive or unproductive? If it was productive, what made it so? If it was unproductive, what could one or more of the characters have done differently to make it more productive?
6. When Starr and her family sing the Stevie Wonder version of "Happy Birthday" to Seven in front of a confused group of Seven's white friends, Starr comments, "these cultural differences are crazy sometimes" (364). Why do you think cultural differences exist in communities living so close together in the US?
7. [SPOILER IN THIS QUESTION] Why is it such a pivotal moment when everyone snitches on King? Can you think of any other examples from other books or your own life when a whole community stood up to a bully?
8. If you have seen the movie version of *The Hate U Give*, what are some differences between the book and the movie? Are the changes helpful for the story line or do they subtract from it?