

Summer Reading

*Booker T. Washington High School
2017/2018 Incoming Freshmen (Grade 9)*

**All in-coming freshmen will read –
Dreamland Burning by Jennifer Latham**

When seventeen-year-old Rowan Chase finds a skeleton on her family's property, she has no idea that investigating the brutal century-old murder will lead to a summer of painful discoveries about the past... and the present.

Nearly one hundred years earlier, a misguided violent encounter propels seventeen-year-old Will Tillman into a racial firestorm. In a country rife with violence against blacks and a hometown segregated by Jim Crow, Will must make hard choices on a painful journey towards self-discovery and face his inner demons in order to do what's right the night Tulsa burns.

Through intricately interwoven alternating perspectives, Jennifer Latham's lightning-paced page-turner brings the **Tulsa race riot of 1921** to blazing life and raises important questions about the complex state of US race relations - both yesterday and today.

We recommend that you:

- **PURCHASE THE BOOK NOW!** Books can be in short supply and libraries will have long “hold” lists, especially by the end of summer.
- Go in together with a friend and share the expense and the book.
- This title was very recently published, so it may be not be immediately available in used book stores or even in local libraries.

Take notes! There will be a link to a template for your notes. It will be posted on the school website under the “Students” section –btw.tulsaschools.org—beginning **March 31st**.

Expectations for the beginning of the school year – *As you read and take notes, look for evidence that will help you answer the question, *what is the value of fear*. *Focusing on this question will help you prepare for class discussions and writing assignments. *Your notes will help you prepare for the exam over the book. *Your teacher will tell you when to turn in your notes.