

2008 SUMMER READING for HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH

Relax and enjoy reading this summer! Nine months a year does not give us enough time to learn all that the world's greatest writers and thinkers have to say to us, to experience the human condition beyond our own existence in Newport News, to think about new and old ideas, and to discover more about ourselves. The books are available in the public libraries and in local bookstores. If the book you need is not in stock, the bookstore will order it for you.

If you are enrolled in **HONORS ENGLISH**, you must read at least **THREE** books from the appropriate grade level list. In the fall, be prepared to discuss and write essays or critiques about these **three required** books. Keep a reading log. You may refer to the log as you write your essays or critiques.

If you are in **AVERAGE ENGLISH**, select **TWO** titles from the appropriate grade level list. You are, of course, encouraged to read as many books as you like! In the fall, your teacher will give you directions for discussing and preparing book reviews and critiques. Keep a reading log. You may use the log as you write your reports and critiques.

9th Grade:

- ***We Beat the Street***, Davis, Jenkins & Hunt
(*This book is required for all 9th graders)
- *American Eyes: New Asian-American Short Stories for Young Adults*, Lori Carlson
- *Aquamarine*, Alice Hoffman
- *Bad Boy*, Walter Dean Myers
- *Heaven*, Angela Johnson
- *The Hot Zone*, Richard Preston
- *Illustrated Man*, Ray Bradbury
- *Living Up the Street*, Gary Soto
- *Ordeal by Hunger*, George Stewart
- *The Red Pony*, John Steinbeck
- *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*, Ji-Li Jiang
- *Somewhere in the Darkness*, Walter Dean Myers
- *Staying Fat For Sarah Byrnes*, Chris Crutcher
- *Tears of a Tiger*, Sharon Draper
- *The Time Machine*, H. G. Wells

Virginia Readers' Choice 2003-2009

- *Copper Sun*, Sharon M. Draper
- *Faerie Wars*, Herbie Brennan
- *Fat Kid Rules the World*, K. L. Going
- *Freaky Green Eyes*, Joyce Carol Oates
- *Hanging on to Max*, Margaret Bechard
- *Hitler Youth: Growing up in Hitler's Shadow*, Susan Campbell Bartoletti
- *The Last Knight*, Hilari Bell
- *The Pact*, Davis, Jenkins & Hunt
- *The Trap*, John Smelcler
- *Vampire High*, Douglas Rees

- *Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie*, David Lubar

10th Grade:

- *All-American Girl*, Meg Cabot
- *Around the World in Eighty Days*, Jules Verne
- *Autobiography of a Face*, Lucy Grealy
- *Bleachers*, John Grisham
- *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*, Thornton Wilder
- *Dark Sons*, Nikki Grimes
- *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury
- *The First Part Last*, Angela Johnson
- *Gifted Hands*, Ben Carson
- *House on Mango Street*, Sandra Cisneros
- *Local News*, Gary Soto
- *Maritcha: A Nineteenth Century Girl*, Tonya Bolden
- *Romiette and Julio*, Sharon Draper
- *Slam*, Walter Dean Myers
- *Tuesdays With Morrie*, Mitch Albom

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- *Annie Between the States*, Laura Elliott
- *Book Thief*, Markus Zusak
- *The Christopher Killer*: Alane Ferguson
- *Cuba 15*, Nancy Osa
- *Elsewhere*, Gabrielle Zevin
- *Inexcusable*, Chris Lynch
- *Looking for Alaska*, John Green
- *What Happened to Lani Garver*, Carol Plum-Ucci
- *A Wreath for Emmett Till*, Marilyn Nelson

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11th Grade:

- *Athletic Shorts*, Chris Crutcher
- *Can't Get There from Here*, Todd Strasser
- *Colibri*, Ann Cameron
- *Color of Water*, James McBride
- *Ender's Game*, Orson Scott Card
- *Gingerbread*, Rachel Cohn
- *Hoops*, Walter Dean Myers
- *In Cold Blood*, Truman Capote
- *The Jungle*, Upton Sinclair
- *The Last Juror*, John Grisham
- *A Lesson Before Dying*, Earnest T. Gaines
- *Needful Things*, Stephen King
- *A Step From Heaven*, An Na
- *Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas*, James Patterson
- *Tortilla Flat*, John Steinbeck
- *Undaunted Courage*, Stephen E. Ambrose

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- *17: A Novel in Prose Poems*, Liz Roseberg
- *Acceleration*, Graham McNamee
- *The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls
- *Jake, Reinvented*, Gordon Korman
- *Life as we Knew It*, Susan Beth Pfeffer
- *Shattering Glass*, Gail Giles
- *Trickster's Choice*, Tamora Pierce
- *Uglies*, Scott Westerfeld
- *The Year of Secret Assignments*, Jaclyn Moriarty

11 AP Language & Composition

See your 11 AP Language & Comp teacher for the required summer reading list.

12th Grade:

- *The Bingo Palace*, Louise Erdrich
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*, Mark Haddon
- *Finding My Voice*, Marie G. Lee
- *Grendel*, John Gardner
- *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*, Maya Angelou
- *Ironman*, Chris Crutcher
- *Jake Reinvented*, Gordon Korman
- *Jesse*, Gary Soto
- *Nineteen Eighty-four*, George Orwell
- *The Rule of Four*, Ian Caldwell, Dustin Thomason
- *Scorpions*, Walter Dean Myers
- *Senioritis*, Tate Thompson
- *The Stand*, Stephen King
- *Things Fall Apart*, Chinua Achebe
- *Wish You Well*, David Baldacci

Virginia Readers' Choice 2003-2009

- *Double Helix*, Nancy Werlin
- *Jason & Kyra*, Dana Davidson
- *Leaving Eden*, Annie D. LeClair
- *Light Year*, Tammar Stein
- *My Sister's Keeper*, Jodi Picoult
- *Sandpiper*, Ellen Wittlinger
- *Zoya's Story: An Afghan Woman's Struggle*, Zoya, with John Follain & Rita Cristofari
- *Working Fire: The Making of a Fireman*, Zac Unger

12 AP Literature & Composition

See your 12 AP Literature & Comp teacher for the required summer reading list.