

9th Grade Summer Reading Requirements

Congratulations! You will be entering high school in the fall. Your middle school teachers have prepared you well, and now the 9th grade teachers are ready to help you transition to the next phase of your academic life. The first step is with summer reading.

One of the comments students make the most often in high school (and we'll bet in middle school, too) is that they only read when it's something they like. That's why we give you a choice. For your summer reading you can **choose** the two books you would like to read. Don't you love it when you get to choose? You can read whatever you like whether it's science fiction, fantasy, historical fiction or any other genre. Isn't that great?

So, grab a book and start reading.

Below are the requirements for 9TH grade summer reading and some FAQs.

- 1. Please read two (2) books that you would consider of literary merit. * Be prepared to defend your choices.**

*If you are unsure of what to read, you can Google works of literary merit and you will find several sites that offer suggested reading. Also, do not choose a book that you have read for school or that we will read in the 9th grade. Texts we will read in the 9th grade are *A Lesson Before Dying*, *In the Time of the Butterflies*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Odyssey*, *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, *The Pact*, and *Speak*.

Please Note:

Some of the books are available for FREE download through librivox.org.

- 2. All students will turn in a typed reduction for EACH of their required books.**
- 3. All students will turn in the reductions the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

Here are some FAQs:

- 1. How many pages does the book have to have?**

We do not judge a book on how long or short it is--only on its literary merit.

- 2. What if I'm not sure it's a book of literary merit?**

Read the list that defines literary merit. Do you think your book can meet some of those standards? Then go for it.

- 3. What if I don't read?**

Well, you will be less prepared than the other students who do read. Also, you will receive a zero on the reduction assignments. And you will have to write an essay on your reading. Now, if you haven't read something new, you will still have to write the essay, but you will not receive as much credit for the essay as those who have done their summer reading.

- 4. What if I lose the summer reading handouts?**

You can access all of this information at the following website: <http://mhsummerreading.weebly.com>

