

Summer Reading for 11th & 12th Graders

As rising juniors and seniors, you are required to read **two books** (from the following lists, or books by *any of the authors* on the list) over the summer and to be prepared to write about them during the first week of school next fall. Anyone taking an *Honors English* course next year is required to read **three books**. Research has shown that reading over the summer helps ensure your academic success. And, of course, it's a great pleasure to read as well. We have listed quite a few books in many categories, and we hope you find some books you will enjoy!

WHS English Department

Classics to Consider

Anna Karenina	Leo Tolstoy
East of Eden	John Steinbeck
The Count of Monte Cristo or The Man in the Iron Mask	Alexandre Dumas
On the Road	Jack Kerouak
Sense and Sensibility	Jane Austen
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte
Rebecca	Daphne du Maurier
Tender is the Night	F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Trial	Franz Kafka
Cry the Beloved Country	Alan Paton
Hard Times	Charles Dickens
An American Tragedy	Theodore Dreiser
Beloved	Toni Morrison

Contemporary Fiction to Contemplate

The Blind Assassin	Margaret Atwood
The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini
Extremely Loud, Incredibly Close	Jonathan Safran Foer
A Prayer for Owen Meany	John Irving
Cat's Cradle	Kurt Vonnegut
Cold Mountain	Charles Frazier
The House Gun	Nadine Gordimer
Tsotsi	Athol Fugard
Going After Cacciato	Tim O'Brien
Water	Bapsi Sidhwa
Angle of Repose	Wallace Stegner
A Thousand Acres	Jane Smiley
A Lesson Before Dying	Ernest Gaines
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent	Julia Alvarez
The Hour I First Believed	Wally Lamb
All the Pretty Horses	Cormac McCarthy
We Were the Mulvaneys	Joyce Carol Oates

The Shipping News	E. Annie Proulx
The Sweet Hereafter	Russell Banks
Sophie's Choice	William Styron
Plot Against America	Philip Roth
White Noise	Don DeLillo
Saturday	Ian McEwan
Bel Canto	Ann Patchett
House of Sand and Fog	Andre Dubos III
The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven	Sherman Alexie
Love in the Time of Cholera	Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Ellen Foster	Kaye Gibbons
Empire Falls	Richard Russo
The Reader	Bernhard Schlink
Dracula	Bram Stoker
The Color Purple	Alice Walker

Popular Fiction to Ponder

The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian	Sherman Alexie
Wintergirls	Laurie Halse Anderson
The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins
The DaVinci Code	Dan Brown
Velocity	Dean Koontz
The Bourne Identity	Robert Ludlum
Blankets	Craig Thompson
Persepolis	Marjane Satrapi
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card
Nineteen Minutes	Jodi Picoult
The Good Thief	Hannah Tinti
The Help	Kathryn Stockett
Carrie	Stephen King
Sunrise Over Fallujah	Walter Dean Myers
Loving Frank	Nancy Horan
The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood	Rebecca Wells
Pillars of the Earth	Ken Follett
Gone	Michael Grant

Memoir/Autobiography/Biography to Reflect Upon

Beautiful Boy	David Sheff
Tweak	Nic Sheff
Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10	Marcus Luttrell
When I Was Puerto Rican	Esmeralda Santiago
Ghosts of War: The True Story of a 19-Year-Old GI	Ryan Smithson

Autobiography of Malcolm X	Alex Hailey
Running With Scissors	Augusten Burroughs
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope	William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
Autobiography of a Face	Lucy Grealy
Yankee Years	Joe Torre and Tom Verducci
Planet Walker	John Francis
LeBron's Dream Team: How Five Friends Made History	LeBron James and Buzz Bissinger
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly: A Memoir of Life in Death	Jean-Dominique Bauby
Kaffir Boy	Mark Mathabane
Living at the Edge of the World: A Teenager's Survival in the Tunnels of Grand Central Station by	Tina S.
Infidel	Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Nonfiction to Mull Over

War	Sebastian Junger
Into Thin Air	Jon Krakauer
The Omnivore's Dilemma	Michael Pollan
The Tipping Point	Malcolm Gladwell
Freakonomics or Superfreakonomics	Stephen D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
Greasy Rider: Two Dudes, One Fry-Oil-Powered Car, and a Cross-Country Search for a Greener Future	Greg Melville
Stiff: The Curious Life of Human Cadavers	Mary Roach
Radioactive Boy Scout: The Frightening True Story of a Whiz Kid and His Homemade Nuclear Reactor	Ken Silverstein
A Perfect Storm	Sebastian Junger
Devil in the White City	Erik Larson
Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil	Deborah Rodriguez and Kristin Ohlson
Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time	Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
Candyfreak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America	Steve Almond
Nicked and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America	Barbara Ehrenreich
Rescue Warriors: The U. S. Coastguard, America's Forgotten Heroes	David Helvarg
The Blindside	Michael Lewis
The Hot Zone	Richard Preston
Amazing Grace: The Loves of Children and the Conscience of a Nation	Jonathon Kozol

Newjack: Guarding Sing Sing	Ted Conover
Songbook	Nick Hornby
Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil	John Berendt
Supercrunchers: Why Thinking-By-Numbers is the New Way to Be Smart	Ian Ayres
The Devil's Teeth: A True Story of Obsession and Survival Among America's Great White Sharks	Susan Casey
The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon	David Grann
The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine	Michael Lewis