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Dear 2009-2010 LHS Ninth Grade Students and Parents:

In recent years, Lakewood High School's students have been enhancing their education over the summer months through reading. Many other area high schools and middle schools have also initiated summer reading programs for their students. Because of the success of these programs, we are continuing our summer initiative.

**All English 9 students** should log on to the on-line forum Moodle and complete the list of reading and viewing selections. Detailed instructions are provided on the school web site under Summer Reading.

**English 9-Advanced** are required to read the nonfiction work described below:

*A Walk Across America* is a true story that took place in the early 1970's. It chronicles the year college graduate Peter Jenkins spent searching for his place in the world and in this nation. He and his dog set out from Alfred, NY. On the journey to New Orleans, LA, Jenkins encountered people who educated him about the United States and experienced adventures that showed him more about himself than he had learned previously during all his years of formal schooling. Peter Jenkins continues to walk and write. He posts an interactive website so students can learn more about this author and even contact him. Be prepared for a study guide and project that will be assigned at the start of the school year.

Please log on to Moodle (English 9 – Advanced) and complete the "Summer Assignments" that are designed to accompany your reading experience. Then, be ready to submit your work on the first day of school and get ready to begin an exciting and challenging new year!

For further information, go to <http://lakewoodcityschools.org/>. Go to the Lakewood High School main page and look for the link for summer reading.

Sincerely,  
The Ninth Grade English Teachers