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SUMMER READING PROGRAM
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RRHS Summer Reading

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-Rocky River
Public Library,
440-333-7610
-Fairview Park
Library
440-333-4700
-Lakewood Public
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216-226-8275
-Barnes and
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440-250-9268
-Borders,
Westlake
440-892-7667
-Half Price Books
440-331-1661
-Waldenbooks,
440-734-8892

Summer Reading Update

PURPOSE

Why does RRHS ask students to read over the summer?

- To encourage student reading for pleasure
- To increase student reading comprehension, writing, and vocabulary skills
- To help students transition from summer to the new school year

CONNECTION TO THE CLASSROOM

Each work was selected to complement the current reading selections in each course. We'll be referring to the summer reading texts throughout the school year.

ASSESSMENT

We want to reward you for your careful reading and encourage you to continue to think about the texts and connect them to your lives, in and out of the classroom.

First, you will take an objective test on one of the novels which will focus on characters, setting, and plot events. This test will take place within the first few days of school.

Second, you will complete an in-class writing assignment sometime during the first two weeks of school based on the other novel. Options for this assignment may include the following: an alternate ending, an interview with one of the characters, a letter to the author or one of the characters, or a literary analysis of a character, motif, or theme.

Honors classes may have additional assessments and assignments. See your teacher or the summer reading link on www.rrcs.org for more information.

Summer Reading Help

Do you have a tendency to “zone out” while reading? When you read, do you often walk away from a book thinking, “I have no idea what I just read!”? If so, these tips are for you!

Being an active reader means more than just looking at the words on the page. It means comprehending what you read. Try these tips to keep you focused and to help you become a more active reader:

- Try reading in small increments of 15 -20 minutes at a time.
- Know what you're looking for as you read. Pay special attention to the following:
 - ⇒ Point of view
 - ⇒ Characters—Keep a list of characters and make a note of their relationships or changes.
 - ⇒ Setting

⇒ Plot events—It may be helpful to keep a list of important events in the story. Try listing at least three important details after each chapter or chunk of pages that you read.

⇒ Theme
⇒ Tone

- As an alternative to reading, give audio books a try. In addition to finding the novels on tape or CD at your local libraries, RRPL has many novels available for you to download to an MP3 player or iPOD. Be sure to listen to the recommended version, if specified on the book list!
- See the Summer Reading link at www.rrcs.org for more helpful information.

Required Titles

ISBNs represent the preferred version. Other versions are fine, unless otherwise noted.

ENGLISH 9—2 TITLES

Tuesday's With Morrie by Mitch Albom (ISBN 07679052X)

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card (ISBN 0812550702)

ENGLISH 9 HONORS—2 TITLES

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas (ISBN 0553213508—must use this ISBN)

Animal Farm by George Orwell (provided by English department)

ENGLISH 10—2 TITLES

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (ISBN 0345342966)

A Separate Peace by John Knowles (provided by English department)

ENGLISH 10 HONORS—2 TITLES

Lord of the Flies by William Golding (provided by English department)

1984 by George Orwell (any version is fine)

ENGLISH 11—2 TITLES

The Natural by Bernard Malamud (ISBN 0374502003)

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines (ISBN 0375702709)

ENGLISH 11 HONORS—2 TITLES

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne (provided by the English department)

A Choice of one of the following:

Beloved by Toni Morrison

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

Native Son by Richard Wright

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

*Additional research paper literature selection must be read by September 28. More information will be provided by instructor.

ENGLISH 12—2 TITLES

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch (ISBN 9781401323255)

A selection from the separate Summer Reading For Pleasure Handout.

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION (GRADE 12)—3 TITLES

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (ISBN 1593080077)

Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka (provided by English department)

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (provided by English department)

*AP Summer reading is subject to change. Changes will be posted on the class wiki. Please contact Mrs. Daugherty with questions.

Any questions about summer reading should be directed to Mrs. Daugherty:
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