

APHS Summer Reading



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SUMMER READING FYI:

In an effort to streamline the summer reading process and eliminate plagiarism, but still encourage students to read during the summer months, the teachers of the English department have updated the summer reading program. First, we have pared the lists down to three books per grade level. Second, we will NOT be collecting assignments on the first day of school! Instead, students will be **asked to take a multiple choice test on their chosen novel** in order to demonstrate that they have read and are able to apply their skills independently. To help students prepare for the assessment, a study guide has been provided on the back of this information sheet.

The completion of summer reading is no longer a requirement of English class. Instead, any points earned on the assessment will count as **extra credit** test points for the first marking period in each student's English class, regardless of the semester in which the course is held. Make-up tests will be offered during after school office hours; please listen for announcements with more specific details in the fall.



FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT BOOKS, WE SUGGEST VISITING www.amazon.com. There you can find summaries and reviews for each novel on the list.

“A READER LIVES A THOUSAND LIVES BEFORE HE DIES. THE MAN WHO NEVER READS LIVES ONLY ONE.”

-George R. R. Martin



Choose ONE of the following books for the grade you will *enter* in September 2017!

BOOK TITLES BY GRADE LEVEL

- 9** *The Uglies* (Westerfield), *Ball Don't Lie* (de la Pena), *Matched* (Condie)
- 10** *Tears of a Tiger* (Draper), *Shiver* (Stiefvater), *The Kite Runner* (Hosseini)
- 11** *Homeboyz* (A. Sitomer), *Wrecked* (E. R. Frank), *An Abundance of Katherines* (Green)
- 12** *Mr. Pip* (L. Jones), *Rebecca* (D. du Maurier), *The Alchemist* (Coelho)

Summer Reading Tips for Parents

Adapted from an article published by the National Center for Learning Disabilities

Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially when it comes to reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. During the summer parents can help children sustain (and even bolster) reading skills, strengthen their vocabulary and reinforce the benefits of reading for enjoyment. Remember that children need free time, away from structured academic learning, and the summer is the perfect time to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. The following are a few tips to make summer reading enjoyable for your children:



- Set a good example! Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have family reading time (including mom and dad).
- Buy books on tape or check them out at the library.
- Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines as a way of keeping up the reading habit over the summer and enhancing a growing vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say
- Read and discuss the same books!

Enjoy the break! See you in the fall!



SUMMER READING STUDY GUIDE

Identify in your novel:

Protagonist/s, Antagonist/s

Setting

Point of View (First person, Second person, Third person limited or omniscient)

Mood – how does the author create it?

The genre

Characters' motives

Provide examples of the following:

Internal Conflict, External Conflict

Round characters

Flat characters

Static characters

Dynamic Characters

Has your author utilized...? Provide examples of...

Symbolism

Character foils

Irony

Foreshadowing or flashbacks

Allusion

Figurative language

An unusual style or story progression

Is there a connection...?

Between setting and conflict?

Between Conflict and characterization?

Between Conflict and theme?

What is the author's intended audience?

What is a possible **theme** for the novel?

You should also be prepared to

- answer comprehension questions about your book
- identify the speakers of important quotations
- evaluate the author's use of literary elements
- identify the parts of the plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution)

PLEASE BRING YOUR COMPLETED STUDY GUIDE WITH YOU
TO THE SUMMER READING TEST!