



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

May 11, 2016

Hampton City Schools encourages students and families to continue to read during the summer months. Many studies have shown that students tend to experience the “summer slide” which is a slow-down in reading abilities, accuracy, vocabulary, and focus. The summer slide can cause students to be less prepared for the next school year. Students who do not read over the summer often feel left behind and struggle to keep up with their peers. Students who DO read during the summer tend to start ahead and stay ahead. We want EVERY student to have the same chance for success from the first day!

In an effort to reduce the gap, Hampton City Schools has implemented **required summer reading** for all students who will be in grades 9-12 during the next school year. Listed on the back of this page are the titles from which students will choose. Please make sure to have these books **read prior to September 6, 2016**. Each student will need to know the level and grade of his/her requested 1st semester English course(s) in order to know the correct titles and required number of books.

We encourage parents and students to examine books and reviews in advance, as some of the selected books contain mature language and/or content. Reviews are available at amazon.com, booklistonline.com, and kirkusreviews.com. We have identified books as fiction or nonfiction, as well as the *Lexile* (complexity level) of the book. Our local libraries and bookstores are aware of these titles and have extra copies. Students may borrow a book from the public library, share with a peer, or purchase their own. Used books are often available from sites like betterworldbooks.com, amazon.com, ebay.com, and half.com. Many titles are available in electronic versions also.

To help students determine which books may be of interest, some short video trailers have been prepared. These can be accessed via the QR codes (located on the summer reading posters in the buildings and local libraries) or on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzwkqZ-hjqeqsrOR9bS_v2A).

Teachers will begin the year with discussions and activities related to the summer reading. Students will be required to synthesize the readings through discussions, writing activities, and possibly projects. In order to prepare for these activities, we encourage students to maintain a reading log. Logs may include any of the following information: plot, setting, character information, events, details, author information, symbols, and vocabulary. The log will help students to identify and recall critical information.

REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH

- Students in **AVERAGE (level 2)** English must read **one (1)** book from the appropriate grade level list on the back of this page.
- Students in **HONORS (level 3)** English must read **two (2)** books from the appropriate grade level list on the back of this page.
- Students enrolled in **AP English** or **IB English** will receive and follow the summer reading list from their teachers or school counselors. **Be sure to get this list from the teacher or counselor before leaving for the summer.**
- Students enrolled in **Dual Enrollment, grades 11 and 12**, must read **two (2)** books from the appropriate school and grade level list on the back of this page.

If you have any questions about summer reading, please feel free to contact your student's school or the Hampton City Schools Language Arts Department (727-2485). Have a safe, enjoyable, and fun summer!

Sincerely,

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Grade 9

<i>Esperanza Rising</i> by Pam Munoz Ryan	Fiction	750L
<i>Hiroshima</i> by John Hersey	Non-fiction	1190L
<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> by Maya Angelou	Non-fiction	1070L
<i>The Maze Runner</i> by James Dashner	Fiction	770L
<i>Speak</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson	Fiction	690L
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee	Fiction	870L
<i>We Beat the Street</i> by Davis, Jenkins, Hunt and Draper	Non-fiction	860L

Grade 10

<i>The Color of Water</i> by James McBride	Non-fiction	1240L
<i>Divergent</i> by Veronica Roth	Fiction	700L
<i>Ender's Game</i> by Orson Scott Card	Fiction	780L
<i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeannette Walls	Non-fiction	1010L
<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> by Sue Monk Kidd	Fiction	840L
<i>A Separate Peace</i> by John Knowles	Fiction	1110L
<i>Sunrise Over Fallujah</i> by Walter Dean Myers	Fiction	780L

Grade 11

<i>The Awakening</i> by Kate Chopin	Fiction	960L
<i>How Does It Feel To Be a Problem? Being Young and Arab in America</i> by Moustafa Bayoumi	Non-fiction	1090L
<i>How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents</i> by Julia Alvarez	Fiction	950L
<i>A Lesson Before Dying</i> by Ernest J. Gaines	Fiction	750L
<i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck	Fiction	630L
<i>Up From Slavery</i> by Booker T. Washington	Non-fiction	1320L
<i>Where the Heart Is</i> by Billie Letts	Fiction	950L

Grade 12

<i>1984</i> by George Orwell	Fiction	1090L
<i>Flags of Our Fathers</i> by James Bradley with Ron Powers	Non-fiction	950L
<i>I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced</i> by Nujood Ali	Non-fiction	990L
<i>Life of Pi</i> by Yann Martel	Fiction	830L
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> by Jane Austen	Fiction	1100L
<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> by Khaled Hosseini	Fiction	830L
<i>Treasure Island</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson	Fiction	1070L

Dual Enrollment

Bethel High School		Hampton High School	
Grade 11	Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>My Antonia</i> by Willa Cather • <i>As I Lay Dying</i> by William Faulkner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> by Jonathan Swift • <i>The Canterbury Tales</i> by Geoffrey Chaucer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Awakening</i> by Kate Chopin • <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i> by Ernest J. Gaines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>1984</i> by George Orwell • <i>Treasure Island</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson

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Grade 11	Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Awakening</i> by Kate Chopin • <i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> by Jane Austen • <i>Treasure Island</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Up from Slavery</i> by Booker T. Washington • <i>Where the Heart Is</i> by Billie Letts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I am Nujood, Age 10, and Divorced</i> by Nujood Ali • <i>Treasure Island</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson