

***DOVER-SHERBORN HIGH SCHOOL***  
***ENGLISH AND SOCIAL STUDIES***  
***SUMMER READING 2009***

Summer Reading is mandatory for **ALL grades**. Rising 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students have an English AND a History reading requirement. All rising 12<sup>th</sup> grade students have an English requirement, but only AP Government and Politics students have a history requirement. Please read the requirements for each grade, subject, and level carefully. Students should be prepared to discuss and to write about the required reading upon return to school in September. For your further reading pleasure, a list of recommended books follows the list of required texts.

To be prepared when you return to school in September, we recommend (Required for those taking AP) the following to help you to remember what you have read and to engage in thinking about your reading:

- Keep a journal of your reflections on your summer reading.
- Note lines, images, details that seem significant, memorable, or reveal important themes. Note favorite quotations or passages from the book (with page numbers).
- Raise probing questions.

Our goal is to encourage students to become life-long readers and to see reading as an integral and vital part of their lives and learning. Reading invites us to think more critically and inspires us to think beyond ourselves. It transports us to places we have not been and into new worlds of thought and experience. Good books generate conversation with family and friends, and they provide a filter through which we can clarify our thinking. We sincerely hope that you will find the summer reading choices appealing and engaging. Happy reading!

*~English and Social Studies Departments*

***Note to parents:***

*Many of the required and recommended books on the list are downloadable on iTunes and available on tape; some may want to invest in a Kindle, the wireless device that allows a reader to download books, newspapers, magazines, often in less than sixty seconds, and which enables the reader to highlight, take notes, and bookmark. The Kindle can be a great cost-saving and environmentally friendly device.*

*Dover-Sherborn High School Required Summer Reading English and History 2009*

**RISING FRESHMEN CP, CP SKILLS, AND HONORS REQUIRED READING FOR ENGLISH:**

- **FRESHMEN CP (1 BOOK)**  
*Speak* Laurie Halse Anderson
  
- **FRESHMEN CP SKILLS (1 BOOK)**  
*Speak* Laurie Halse Anderson
  
- **FRESHMEN HONORS (2 BOOKS)**  
*The Catcher in the Rye* J.D. Salinger  
*Speak* Laurie Halse Anderson

**RISING FRESHMEN REQUIRED READING FOR HISTORY:**

- *Sundiata: An Epic Of Old Mali* D.T. Niane

**RISING SOPHOMORE CP, CP SKILLS, AND HONORS REQUIRED READING FOR ENGLISH:**

- **SOPHOMORE CP (1 BOOK)**  
*The Namesake* Jhumpa Lahiri
- **SOPHOMORE CP SKILLS (1 book)**  
*Tuesdays with Morrie* Mitch Albom
- **SOPHOMORE HONORS (2 BOOKS)**  
*The Namesake* Jhumpa Lahiri  
*The Book Thief* Markus Zusak

**Recommended:** *Till We Have Faces* C.S. Lewis  
*A Thousand Splendid Suns* Khaled Hosseini

**RISING SOPHOMORE REQUIRED READING FOR HISTORY:**

*First They Killed My Father* Loung Ung

## RISING JUNIORS CP, CP SKILLS AND HONORS REQUIRED READING FOR ENGLISH:

➤ JUNIOR CP (1 BOOK)

*Fahrenheit 451* Ray Bradbury

➤ JUNIOR CP SKILLS (1 BOOK)

*The Teammates* David Halberstam

➤ JUNIOR HONORS (2 BOOKS)

*Fahrenheit 451* Ray Bradbury

*The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* Frederick Douglass

Recommended: *March* Geraldine Brooks

➤ AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION REQUIRED READING FOR ENGLISH (3 BOOKS):

*The Great Gatsby* F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Fight Club* Chuck Palahniuk

*In Cold Blood* Truman Capote

Recommended reading for AP Language:

*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* Mark Twain

*The Scarlet Letter* Nathaniel Hawthorne

*Their Eyes Were Watching God* Zora Neale Hurston

*Henderson the Rain King* Saul Bellow

## RISING JUNIORS REQUIRED READING FOR HISTORY:

*Dark Tide* Stephen Puleo

- AP US History students should read *Dark Tide* and should have picked up the additional AP assignment from Mr. Kaplan before school ended... if not, check out the assignment online on Mr. Kaplan's webpage.

## **RISING SENIORS REQUIRED READING FOR ENGLISH :**

➤ **SENIOR CP (1 BOOK)**

*The Geography of Bliss* Eric Weiner

➤ **SENIOR HONORS (2 BOOKS)**

*The Geography of Bliss* Eric Weiner

*1984* George Orwell

➤ **SENIOR CP SKILLS**

*Big Mouth, Ugly Girl* Joyce Carol Oates

➤ **AP ENGLISH LITERATURE (3 BOOKS)**

**AP STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE NOTES ON THEIR READING.**

*Oryx and Crake* Margaret Atwood

*The Hours* Michael Cunningham

*Falling Man: A Novel* Don DeLillo

Recommended for AP English Literature:

*Never Let Me Go* Kazuo Ishiguru

*The Poisonwood Bible* Barbara Kingsolver

*Lolita in Tehran* Azar Nafisi

*1984* George Orwell

*The Shipping News* Annie Proulx

## **RISING SENIORS REQUIRED READING FOR HISTORY :**

➤ **AP Students only:**

Advanced Placement Government and Politics students will get an assignment mailed to them over the summer from Mr. Bourque, or they can check it out online!

## ADDITIONAL TITLES

### *Dover-Sherborn High School Recommended Summer Reading List 2009*

#### **Grade 9– Recommended titles for freshmen:**

<i>A Sense of Where you Are</i>	John McPhee
<i>A Prayer for Owen Meaney</i>	John Irving
<i>Black Hawk Down</i>	Mark Bowden
<i>Cold Sassy Tree</i>	Olive Burns
<i>Friday Night Lights</i>	H. G. Bissenger
<i>Girl with a Pearl Earring</i>	Tracy Chevalier
<i>Great Expectations</i>	Charles Dickens
<i>Growing Up</i>	Russell Baker
<i>House on Mango Street</i>	Sandra Cisneros
<i>How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents</i>	Julia Alvarez
<i>In the Name of Butterflies</i>	Julia Alvarez
<i>In These Girls Hope Is a Muscle</i>	Madeleine Blaise
<i>Into Thin Air</i>	John Krakauer
<i>My Name is Asher Lev</i>	Chaim Potok
<i>My Sister's Keeper</i>	Jodi Picoult
<i>Perks of Being a Wall Flower</i>	Stephen Chbosky
<i>Power of One</i>	Bryce Courtenay
<i>Rebecca</i>	Daphne DuMaurier
<i>Right of Passage</i>	Richard Wright
<i>Seabiscuit: An American Legend</i>	Laura Hillenbrand
<i>The Inn at Lake Devine</i>	Elinor Lipman
<i>The Perfect Storm</i>	Sebastian Junger

#### **Grade 10– Recommended titles for sophomores:**

<i>The Inheritance of Loss</i>	Karen Desai
<i>Born on a Blue Day</i>	Daniel Tammet
<i>Deadeye Dick</i>	Kurt Vonnegut
<i>Friday Night Lights</i>	H.G. Bissinger
<i>In the Time of Butterflies</i>	Julia Alvarez
<i>Kabul Beauty School</i>	Debra Rodriguez
<i>Life of Pi</i>	Yann Martel
<i>Memoirs of a Geisha</i>	Arthur Golden
<i>Peace Like a River</i>	Leif Anger
<i>Pigs in Heaven</i>	Barbara Kingsolver
<i>The Alchemist</i>	Paulo Coehlo
<i>The House of the Spirits</i>	Isabele Allende
<i>The Kitchen God's Wife</i>	Amy Tan
<i>The Red Tent</i>	Anita Diamant
<i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i>	Mitch Albom

**Grade 11– Recommended titles for juniors:**

<i>A Walk in the Woods</i>	Bill Bryson
<i>East of Eden</i>	John Steinbeck
<i>If I Die in the Combat Zone</i>	Tim O'Brien
<i>Ishmael</i>	Daniel Quinn
<i>Jitterbug Perfume</i>	Tom Robbins
<i>July, July</i>	Tim O'Brien
<i>Middle Passage</i>	Charles Johnson
<i>Pigs in Heaven</i>	Barbara Kingsolver
<i>Summer</i>	Edith Wharton
<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>	John Steinbeck
<i>The World According to Garp</i>	John Irving

**Grade 12– Recommended reading for Seniors:**

<i>1984</i>	George Orwell
<i>All Souls</i>	Michael MacDonald
<i>Bel Canto</i>	Ann Pachett
<i>Brave New World</i>	Aldous Huxley
<i>Crow Lake</i>	Mary Lawson
<i>Into the Wild</i>	John Krakauer
<i>The Given Day:</i> <i>A Novel</i>	Denise Lehane
<i>The Road</i>	Cormac McCarthy
<i>Foxfire</i>	Joyce Carol Oats
<i>Old School</i>	Tobias Wolff
<i>Persuasion</i>	Jane Austen
<i>Song of Solomon</i>	Toni Morrison
<i>Summer of '49</i>	David Halberstam
<i>The Great Santini</i>	Pat Conroy
<i>Water for Elephants</i>	Sara Gruen