

“The man who doesn’t read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read them.” ~ Mark Twain

All high school students in Newport News are required to complete the following summer reading assignments prior to school in September.

When school resumes in the fall, students will engage in written responses. Reading is essential to critical thinking and preparation for College, Careers, and Citizenship.

Requirements

- Students in grades 9-11 **AVERAGE ENGLISH** must read **ONE BOOK** from their rising grade level list.
- Students in grades 9-11 **HONORS ENGLISH** must read **TWO BOOKS** from the **HONORS** grade level list.
- Seniors in **HONORS** and **AVERAGE** must read **TWO BOOKS** from the 12th grade list.
- Students enrolled in **AP or IB ENGLISH** will receive a separate summer reading list.

9th Grade:

Fallen Angels, Walter Dean Myers
Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson
Autobiography of a Face, Lucy Grealy
Maus I and II, Art Spiegelman
The Last Lecture, Randy Pausch
Feed, M.T. Anderson
Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie, David Lubar
We Beat the Street, Davis, Jenkins, Hunt, & Draper

Honors

Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
Call of the Wild, Jack London
The Invisible Man, H.G. Wells
A Soldier’s Play, Charles Fuller
The Hot Zone, Richard Preston
The Count of Monte Cristo, Alexandre Dumas
The Mists of Avalon, Marion Zimmer Bradley
Slaughterhouse-Five, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

10th Grade:

Tuesdays with Morrie, Mitch Albom
The Book Thief, Marcus Zusak
Bleachers, John Grisham
The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd
Powers, Ursula K. Le Guin
The Lovely Bones, Alice Sebold
Way Past Cool, Jess Mowry
The Curious Incident of a Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon

Honors

Anthem, Ayn Rand
Cry, The Beloved Country, Alan Paton
The Catcher in the Rye, J. D. Salinger
A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens
Black Boy, Richard Wright
The Last of the Mohicans, James Fenimore Cooper
The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou

11th Grade:

Tortilla Flat, John Steinbeck
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan
The Color Purple, Alice Walker
Ender’s Game, Orson Scott Card
The Glass Castle, Jeannette Walls
The Water is Wide, Pat Conroy
Cold Mountain, Charles Frazier
Up From Slavery, Booker T. Washington

Honors

1984, George Orwell
As I Lay Dying, William Faulkner
Native Son, Richard Wright
The Awakening, Kate Chopin
In Cold Blood, Truman Capote
The Jungle, Upton Sinclair
Long Day’s Journey into Night, Eugene O’Neill
A Farewell to Arms, Ernest Hemingway

12th Grade:

Catch-22, Joseph Heller
Fences, August Wilson
Into the Wild, Jon Krakauer
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini
The Road, Cormac McCarthy
East of Eden, John Steinbeck
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath
Life of Pi, Yann Martel
Senioritis, Tate Thompson
Beloved, Toni Morrison
Girl with a Pearl Earring, Tracy Chevalier
The Salt Eaters, Toni Cade Bambara
One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest, Ken Kesey
The Woman Warrior, Maxine Hong Kingston
The Handmaid’s Tale, Margaret Atwood