

2009 SUMMER READING for HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH

Relax and enjoy reading this summer! Nine months a year does not give us enough time to learn all that the world's greatest writers and thinkers have to say to us, to experience the human condition beyond our own existence, to think about new and old ideas, and to discover more about ourselves. The books are available in the public libraries and in local bookstores. If the book you need is not in stock, the bookstore will order it for you.

If you are enrolled in **HONORS ENGLISH**, you must read at least **THREE** books. If you are in **AVERAGE ENGLISH**, select **TWO** titles. Choose at least one title from the appropriate grade level list, a higher grade level, or the Virginia Readers Choice, Alex or Classics lists. In the fall, be prepared to discuss and/or write about these *required* books. Keep a reading log. You may refer to the log as you discuss/write about your reading, and you may turn your Reading Log in for extra credit. This list and the Reading Log are also published online at <http://sbo.nn.k12.va.us>.

This list includes suggested titles from the Virginia Readers' Choice program, Alex Awards, classics recommended by the College Board, and books recognized by our faculty and other teachers as meaningful reading choices for students of high school age. See descriptions of the Virginia Readers' Choice books at <http://www.vsra.org/VRCindex.html>. You are, of course, encouraged to read as many books as you like!

9th Grade:

We Beat the Streets, Davis, Jenkins & Hunt
Illustrated Man, Ray Bradbury
American Eyes: New Asian-American Short Stories for Young Adults, Lori Carlson
Staying Fat For Sarah Byrnes, Chris Crutcher
Tears of a Tiger, Sharon Draper
Aquamarine, Alice Hoffman
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution, Ji-Li Jiang
Heaven, Angela Johnson
Bad Boy, Walter Dean Myers
Somewhere in the Darkness, Walter Dean Myers
The Hot Zone, Richard Preston
Living Up the Street, Gary Soto
The Red Pony, John Steinbeck
Ordeal by Hunger, George Stewart
The Time Machine, H. G. Wells

10th Grade:

Tuesdays With Morrie, Mitch Albom
Maritcha: A Nineteenth Century Girl, Tonya Bolden
Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
All-American Girl, Meg Cabot
Gifted Hands, Ben Carson
House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros
Romiette and Julio, Sharon Draper
Autobiography of a Face, Lucy Grealy
Dark Sons, Nikki Grimes
Bleachers, John Grisham
The First Part Last, Angela Johnson
Slam, Walter Dean Myers
Local News, Gary Soto
Around the World in Eighty Days, Jules Verne
The Bridge of San Luis Rey, Thornton Wilder
Copper Sun, Sharon M. Draper

11th Grade:

Undaunted Courage, Stephen E. Ambrose
Colibri, Ann Cameron
In Cold Blood, Truman Capote
Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card
Gingerbread, Rachel Cohn
Athletic Shorts, Chris Crutcher
A Lesson Before Dying, Ernest T. Gaines
The Last Juror, John Grisham
Needful Things, Stephen King
Color of Water, James McBride
Hoops, Walter Dean Myers
A Step From Heaven, An Na
Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas, James Patterson
The Jungle, Upton Sinclair
Tortilla Flat, John Steinbeck
Can't Get There from Here, Todd Strasser

12th Grade:

Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe
I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou
Wish You Well, David Baldacci
Ironman, Chris Crutcher
The Bingo Palace, Louise Erdrich
Grendel, John Gardner
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time, Mark Haddon
The Stand, Stephen King
Jake Reinvented, Gordon Korman
Finding My Voice, Marie G. Lee
Scorpions, Walter Dean Myers
Nineteen Eighty-four, George Orwell
Jesse, Gary Soto
The Rule of Four, Ian Caldwell, Dustin Thomason
Senioritis, Tate Thompson

Other Great Reading Choices for High School Students

Virginia Readers Choice is a program sponsored by the Virginia State Reading Association. Selections include recently published and noteworthy titles in the field of young adult literature. This list includes selections from 2007-2010.

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| Asher, Jay | <i>Thirteen Reasons Why</i> | Oates, Joyce Carol | <i>Freaky Green Eyes</i> |
| Bartoletti, Susan | <i>Hitler Youth: Growing up in Hitler's Shadow</i> | Pausch, Randy | <i>the Last Lecture</i> |
| Campbell | | Peet, Mal | <i>Tamar</i> |
| Bell, Hilari | <i>The Last Knight</i> | Pfeffer, Susan Beth | <i>Life as we Knew It</i> |
| Booth, Coe | <i>Tyrell</i> | Picoult, Jodi | <i>My Sister's Keeper</i> |
| Caletti, Deb | <i>Fortunes of Indigo Skye</i> | Pierce, Tamora | <i>Trickster's Choice</i> |
| Davidson, Dana | <i>Jason & Kyra</i> | Rees, Douglas | <i>Vampire High</i> |
| Davis, Jenkins & Hunt | <i>The Pact</i> | Schmidt, Gary | <i>Trouble</i> |
| Draper, Sharon M. | <i>Copper Sun</i> | Shivack, Nadia | <i>Inside Out: Portrait of an Eating Disorder</i> |
| Elliott, Laura | <i>Annie Between the States</i> | Shusterman, Neal | <i>Unwind</i> |
| Erskine, Kathryn | <i>Quaking</i> | Stein, Tammar | <i>Light Year</i> |
| | <i>The Christopher Killer: Forensic Mystery 1.</i> | Unger, Zac | <i>Working Fire: The Making of a Fireman</i> |
| Ferguson, Alane | | Westerfeld, Scott | <i>Uglies</i> |
| Giles, Gail | <i>Shattering Glass</i> | Wittlinger, Ellen | <i>Sandpiper</i> |
| Green, John | <i>Looking for Alaska</i> | Zevin, Gabrielle | <i>Elsewhere</i> |
| Lubar, David | <i>Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie</i> | Zoya, with Follain and Cristofari | <i>Zoya's Story: An Afghan Woman's Struggle</i> |
| Lynch, Chris | <i>Inexcusable</i> | Zusak, Markus | <i>Book Thief</i> |
| Marillier, Juliet | <i>Wildwood Dancing</i> | | |
| McNamee, Graham | <i>Acceleration</i> | | |
| Nelson, Marilyn | <i>A Wreath for Emmett Till</i> | | |

Alex Awards are given to ten books each year from the previous year's publishing output. Sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association of the American Library Association, the award recognizes books written for adults that have special appeal to young people aged 12-18.

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| Iggulden, Conn | <i>Genghis: Birth of An Empire</i> | Lutz, Lisa | <i>The Spellman Files</i> |
| Jones, Lloyd | <i>Mister Pip</i> | Rothfuss, Patrick | <i>The Name of the Wind</i> |

Some classics are just too good to miss. The following titles have been selected from "**101 Great Books for the College Bound Student**," published by College Board <<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/boost-your-skills/23628.html>>.

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| | <i>Beowulf</i> | Marquez, Gabriel Garcia | <i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i> |
| Austen, Jane | <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> | Melville, Herman | <i>Moby Dick</i> |
| Chopin, Kate | <i>The Awakening</i> | Morrison, Toni | <i>Beloved</i> |
| Conrad, Joseph | <i>Heart of Darkness</i> | Pasternak, Boris | <i>Doctor Zhivago</i> |
| Cooper, James Fenimore | <i>The Last of the Mohicans</i> | Salinger, J.D. | <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> |
| de Cervantes, Miguel | <i>Don Quixote</i> | Shelley, Mary | <i>Frankenstein</i> |
| Defoe, Daniel | <i>Robinson Crusoe</i> | Steinbeck, John | <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> |
| Dickens, Charles | <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> | Stevenson, Robert Louis | <i>Treasure Island</i> |
| Douglass, Frederick | <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> | Stoker, Bram | <i>Dracula</i> |
| Dumas, Alexandre | <i>The Three Musketeers</i> | Thackery, William | <i>Vanity Fair</i> |
| Ellison, Ralph | <i>The Invisible Man</i> | Thoreau, Henry David | <i>Walden</i> |
| Hardy, Thomas | <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i> | Turgenev, Ivan | <i>Fathers and Sons</i> |
| Heller, Joseph | <i>Catch 22</i> | Twain, Mark | <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> |
| Hemingway, Ernest | <i>A Farewell to Arms</i> | Vonnegut, Kurt Jr. | <i>Slaughterhouse-Five</i> |
| Homer | <i>The Iliad</i> | Wilde, Oscar | <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> |
| Huxley, Aldous | <i>Brave New World</i> | Wright, Richard | <i>Native Son</i> |
| Joyce, James | <i>Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</i> | | |
| London, Jack | <i>The Call of the Wild</i> | | |

