“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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

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