

Montville Township High School

Summer Reading 2016

English Department



Summer is a time that should find us looking forward to reading and remembering that a good book can be fun as well as informative. Research tells us that reading volume has profound cognitive consequences. Cunningham and Stanovich (2003) report that independent, out-of-school reading makes a large and unique contribution toward reading ability, aspects of verbal intelligence, and general knowledge about the world.

Many of the titles below are available at the Montville Township Library in the regular and summer collections. If a title is not available you may choose to put a “hold” on the book and you will be notified when the book is available. Please see or call the Montville Township Library if you need help locating a title (973) 402-0900 ext. 227.

Directions for Responding to Summer Reading

Please read your chosen book(s) and be ready to discuss and participate in various group and individual writing activities when you return on the first day of school.

English 9

Please read one of the novels below:

Dystopian Fiction (With government/power issues)

The Uglies – Scott Westerfield

Ship Breaker – Paolo Bacigalupi

To supplement the themes present in these choices, all grade 9 students will begin the year reading one of the following:

Animal Farm – George Orwell

Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury

English 9 Honors

Please read **both**:

To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee

East of Eden – John Steinbeck

Students should scan the chapters of *East of Eden* up until chapter 8, when the character of Kathy arrives. All chapters after 8 are to be read thoroughly. It is enough to know that Charles almost killed Adam and that the father Cyrus favored Adam over Charles. The importance of these chapters will be discussed in class in September, but they are not critical.

English 10

Please read **one** of the memoirs below:

Glass Castle – Jeannette Walls

This Boy's Life – Tobias Wolff

I am Malala – Malala Yousefzai

English 10 Honors

Please read:

The Help – Kathryn Stockett

Also, select **one** of the following:

Men We Reaped: Jesmyn Ward

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings: Maya Angelou

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks – Rebecca Skloot

English 11

Please read:

Catcher in the Rye – J. D. Salinger

Also, select **one** of the following:

The Freedom Writers Diary – Erin Gruwell

The Last Lecture – Randy Paucsh

English 11 Honors

Please read all **three**:

The Road – Cormac McCarthy

Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck

When I Was Puerto Rican – Esmeralda Santiago

English 11 AP

Please read all **four**:

The Great Gatsby – F. Scott Fitzgerald

Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck

Love Medicine – Louise Erdrich

On Writing – Stephen King

English 12

Choose **one** work from Section A and **one** work from Section B:

Section A

Choose **five** short stories from **one** of the following collections:

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Dubliners – James Joyce

The Collected Short Stories of Katherine Mansfield – Katherine Mansfield

The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling

Or choose **ten** poems from **one** of the following poets:

Carol Ann Duffy

Simon Armitage

W. B. Yeats

Or choose **one** play from the following list:

Amadeus – Peter Shaffer

The Importance of Being Ernest – Oscar Wilde

A Midsummer Night's Dream – William Shakespeare

Section B

Choose **one** from the following list of fiction:

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight – Simon Armitage

Gulliver's Travels – Jonathan Swift

Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

About a Boy – Nick Hornby

Grendel – John Gardner

Atonement – Ian McEwan

Dracula – Bram Stoker

Or choose **one** from the following list of nonfiction:

Walking Home: A Poet's Journey – Simon Armitage

Teacher Man – Frank McCourt

Notes from a Small Island – Bill Bryson

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage – Alfred Lansing

English 12 Honors

Please read:

Station Eleven – Emily St. John Mandel

Select **one** of the following nonfiction titles:

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants – Malcolm Gladwell

Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking – Susan Cain

English 12 AP

*Please read **All**:*

Crime and Punishment – Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Sons and Lovers – D. H. Lawrence

The Odyssey – Translation by Robert Fagles - ISBN 0-14-02-6886-3
