

Summer Reading
English 9 - Pulsinelli

Incoming ninth graders must read the following text over the summer:

***Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley**

You must also read **two** other books from this list:

Angelou, Maya, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Bradbury, Ray, *Fahrenheit 451*

Bronte, Charlotte, *Jane Eyre*

Capote, Truman, *In Cold Blood*

Griffin, John Howard, *Black Like Me*

Hurston, Zora Neale, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

Kingsolver, Barbara, *The Bean Trees*

Knowles, John, *A Separate Peace*

Mitchell, David, *Black Swan Green*

Paton, Alan, *Cry, the Beloved Country*

Sebold, Alice, *The Lovely Bones*

Shakespeare, William, *The Comedy of Errors*

Sijie, Dai, *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*

Smith, Betty, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Vonnegut, Kurt, Jr., *Slaughterhouse-Five*

***If you have previously read one or more of these books, you need to pick new ones. Seek out a new intellectual challenge!**

When you return to school in August, you should bring a letter from your parent(s) listing the books you read and the dates you finished them. Be sure a parent signs to verify that you have read these texts. I encourage you to read these texts throughout the summer. Do not wait until the last minute to finish this assignment. Reading is enjoyable... don't make it work.

Paper or electronic versions are fine for summer reading.

In August, you will be given a timed writing assignment based upon these texts, so I strongly advise you to take notes (observations, comments, favorite passages, questions, and so forth) that you may return to later. In addition to keeping the basic plot straight, you should pay special attention to the development of character (how certain character qualities are demonstrated) and the development of themes.

Naturally, you do not have to limit your summer reading to this assignment. Read more if you like. Feel free to ask me or your fellow students for recommendations. Summer is a time to set your own schedules, but I encourage you to keep your mind alive and your days filled with profitable activity.

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