



**Maynard H. Jackson High School  
2013-2014**

**Summer Required Reading List**

**Each grade level is required to read two or more books and to complete a reading test and/or project during the first weeks of the upcoming fall semester. Books may be obtained at any local bookstore, the internet, or public library. Assignments will count as test/project grades for English classes. Failure to complete assignments will result in failing grades.**

**IN-COMING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING LIST & ASSIGNMENTS**

If you are matriculating into Honors or Pre-IB, You must read the books specified with asterisks prior to school's commencement August. If you are entering a regular or college-prep section of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature or Composition, you may choose two books from the following list to read prior to August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

1. *A Hero with A Thousand Faces*. Joseph Campbell\*\*\*
2. *A Prayer for Owen Meany*. John Irving
3. *Animal Farm*. George Orwell
4. *Ender's Game*. Orson Scott Card.
5. *Guns, Germs, and Steel*. Jared Diamond.\*\*\*
6. *Persepolis*. Marjane Satrapi\*\*\*
7. *Pride and Prejudice*. Jane Austen
8. *Romiette and Julio*. Sharon M. Draper
9. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*. Alex Haley and Malcolm X
10. *The Hobbit*. J. R. R. Tolkien
11. *The Old Man and the Sea*. Ernest Hemingway

**RISING 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING LIST & ASSIGNMENTS**

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1. *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*. Ishmael Beah
2. *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. Khaled Hosseini
3. *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*. Dai Sijie
4. *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*. Jared Diamond\*\*\*
5. *House of Spirits*. Isabel Allende\*\*\*
6. *Kaffir Boy: An Autobiography*. Mark Mathabane

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7. *Memoirs of a Geisha*. Arthur Golden
8. *Siddhartha*. Hermann Hesse
9. *State of Wonder*. Ann Patchett
10. *The Prince*. Machiavelli \*\*\*
11. *Waiting*. Ha Jin
12. *The Handmaid's Tale*. Margaret Atwood

**RISING 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING LIST & ASSIGNMENTS**

If you are matriculating into AP Language, Honors American Literature, or IB Language A , you must read the books specified with asterisks prior to school's commencement August. In addition, you must choose two other books. If you are entering a regular or college-prep section of American Literature or Composition, you may choose three books from the following list to read prior to August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

1. *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States*. Charles A. Beard\*\*\*
2. *Angels in America*. Tony Kushner
3. *Billy Budd*. Herman Melville
4. *Love Medicine*. Louise Erdrich
5. *Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention*. Manning Marable.\*\*\*
6. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*. Frederick Douglass.
7. *Nicked and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*. Barbara Ehrenreich or *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*. Eric Schlosser \*\*\*
8. *Slaughterhouse-Five*. Kurt Vonnegut.
9. *Song of Solomon*. Toni Morrison
10. *Thank You for Arguing: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion*. Jay Heinrichs \*\*\*
11. *The Jungle*. Upton Sinclair
12. *The Red Badge of Courage*. Stephen Crane
13. *The Scarlet Letter*. Nathaniel Hawthorne
14. *Top Dog/Underdog*. Suzan Lori Parks

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**RISING SENIOR SUMMER READING LIST & ASSIGNMENTS**

If you are matriculating into AP Literature, Honors British Literature, or the second half of IB Language A, you must read the books specified with asterisks prior to school's commencement August. In addition, you must choose two other books. If you are entering a regular or college-prep section of American Literature or Composition, you may choose three books from the following list to read prior to August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

1. *Jane Eyre*. Charlotte Bronte
2. *On Beauty*. Zadie Smith
3. *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague*. Geraldine Brooks
4. *Crime and Punishment*. Fyodor Dostoyevsky \*\*\*
5. *A Tale of Two Cities*. Charles Dickens
6. *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*. Dave Eggers
7. *Frankenstein*. Mary Shelley\*\*\*
8. *Bless Me, Ultima*. Rudolfo Anaya
9. *The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle*. Haruki Murakami.
10. *Grendel*. John Gardner.
11. *How to Read and Why*. Harold Bloom. \*\*\*
12. *Brother, I'm Dying*. Edwidge Danticat
13. *Thinking, Fast, and Slow*. Daniel Kahneman\*\*\*
14. *Hamlet*. William Shakespeare