

SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER READING

Rising 10th Grade

2016-2017

English II Honors: Read any two (2) of the following:

The Count of Monte Cristo

Alexandre Dumas

(Bantam Classics, translated and **abridged** by Lowell Blair)

The Alchemist

Paulo Coelho

The Nazi Hunters

Neal Bascomb

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier

Ishmael Beah

A Dog's Purpose

W. Bruce Cameron

The Joy Luck Club

Amy Tan

The Queen of Water

Laura Resau

English II Standard: Read any one (1) of the following:

Everybody Sees the Ants

A.S. King

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier

Ishmael Beah

The Alchemist

Paulo Coelho

The Queen of Water

Laura Resau

The Nazi Hunters

Neal Bascomb

Please note: In a 2009 government web cast, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan described summer learning loss as “devastating.” This is what researchers have often referred to as the “summer slide.” It is estimated that school summer breaks will cause the average student to lose up to one month of instruction, with disadvantaged students being disproportionately affected. Additionally, students in the United States have lost ground in reading ability compared with students around the world. The global reading test was administered in 2001 and again in 2006. Americans dropped further behind other countries, falling from the fourth highest scores in the world in 2001 to tenth place in 2006. Please encourage your child to read 4-5 books this summer.