

# **SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

## **SUMMER READING**

### **Rising 10th Grade**

**2015-2016**

**English II Honors: Read two (2) books from the following lists:**

**As one choice all honors students should read:**

*The Count of Monte Cristo*

Alexandre Dumas

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

**Choose one (1) more from the following titles:**

*The Alchemist*

Paulo Coelho

*The Chosen*

Chaim Potok

*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*

Ishmael Beah

*Love in the Time of Cholera*

Gabriel Garcia Marquez

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

*Kaffir Boy* (Part 1 Only)

Mark Mathabane

*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*

Ishmael Beah

*The Alchemist*

Paulo Coelho

*My Forbidden Face*

Latifa

**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.