



COLD SPRING HARBOR JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

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After a busy school year, we all are looking forward to a relaxing, rejuvenating, and enjoyable summer. We also hope that over the course of the summer, your children, our students, will engage in activities that sustain their interest in learning. Towards that end, and to support the life-long practices of readers, the English department and the Cold Spring Harbor school librarian have developed a summer reading program for all students entering grades 7-12.

This year summer reading will continue to offer students more choice in reading books of their interest and ability levels. Students enrolled in an honors or Advanced Placement course received their required readings and summer assignments in class prior to the last day. All other students can find suggested reading lists below. Please note the following:

- All students entering Grades 7-10, Grade 11 Regents English, and Grade 12 ICE will be required to read at least one book of their choice over the summer months. The book(s) chosen may not be from a previously taught curriculum.
- Students entering English 10 Honors will all read *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*.
- Students entering AP Seminar will read *Things Fall Apart*
- Students entering AP Language will be required to read **two books**, which are listed below.
- Students entering AP Literature will all read *Crime and Punishment*.
- Students in 10 Honors, AP Seminar, AP Language and AP Literature have an accompanying writing assignment.

We believe that the summer reading program, with the freedom of reading choice and a student-centered assessment in September, will allow for a positive learning experience. If your child is having difficulty choosing a book, please refer to the links provided. For those students choosing an independent reading book, many of these titles can be found at the public library. Students entering English 10 Honors, AP Seminar, AP Language, and AP Literature received their books from the school.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gieser at (631) 367-6886. We wish you and yours a safe and relaxing summer.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Megan Gieser
Humanities Director

Mr. Daniel Danbusky
Jr/Sr High School Principal

Summer reading lists for students entering:

[Grade 7 & 8 Suggested Titles](#)

[Grade 11 Regents Suggested Titles](#)

[Grade 9 & 10 Suggested Titles](#)

[Grade 12 ICE Suggested Titles](#)

Required reading and written assignments for students entering:

[Grade 10 Honors- *The Death Ivan Ilyich* by Leo Tolstoy](#)

[AP Seminar - *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe](#)

[AP Language- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien **and** selected essays from *The Best American Essays of the Century*](#)

[AP Literature- *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky](#)