

SUMMER READING 2017-2018

ONE SCHOOL, ONE CONVERSATION

The English Department at Myers Park High School is revamping our *One School, One Book Program* in order to further develop the collaborative experience among all grades and levels. This year, instead of focusing on one book, we have chosen to focus on one motif: **resilience**. Each grade and level has chosen works that lead to discussion on the topic of resilience and, throughout the year, teachers will partner with other classes to discuss their individual works and the motif of resilience. The list of required texts (for AP and IB level students) and the strongly recommended texts (for Standard and Honors 9th-12th students) are below.

It is the student's responsibility to obtain a copy of the assigned text(s). The works can be accessed through the public library or through local bookstores, which have been notified of these selections. Accountability for the reading will take place during the 2017-2018 academic year in conjunction with individual teacher syllabi.

12th grade English:

Rising IB seniors are required to read *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood (ISBN: 9780385490818) and *Break, Blow, Burn...* by Camille Paglia (ISBN: 9780375725395). It is highly recommended that students also read *The Art of X-Ray Reading...* by Roy Peter Clark (ISBN: 9780316282147).

Rising AP seniors are required to read *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood (ISBN: 9780385490818) and a series of chapters from *Break, Blow, Burn...* by Camille Paglia (ISBN: 9780375725395). More specific directions can be found at <http://katherinecates.weebly.com> or <https://amberdowdyaplit.wikispaces.com/>.

All other levels of rising seniors are strongly encouraged to read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon (ISBN: 9781400032716).

11th grade English:

Rising IB juniors are required to read *Maus* by Art Spiegelman (ISBN: 9780141014081).

Rising AP juniors are required to read *Thank You for Arguing* by Jay Heinrichs (ISBN: 9780385347754) and *This is Water* by David Foster Wallace (ISBN: 9780316068222). More specific directions can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/MJenkinsAP> or <https://tinyurl.com/LangRead2017>.

All other levels of rising juniors are strongly encouraged to read *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand (ISBN: 9780812974492).

10th grade English:

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (ISBN: 9780062498533).

It is strongly recommended that all rising sophomores (Foundations, English II, Honors English II, and MYPIB) purchase this novel and read it over the summer.

9th grade English:

Rising MYPIB freshmen are strongly encouraged to read *The Martian* by Andy Weir (ISBN: 9780804189354).

There is no suggested title for the other levels of rising freshmen.

Remember: Summer Reading is REQUIRED for all AP and IB English courses. It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for all students at all other levels.

There will be a mini book fair at the Morrison Barnes & Noble on June 3rd and 4th. All titles above will be available for purchase, and a portion of all sales will go towards supporting the English Department. Just identify yourself as a friend of Myers Park and B&N will do the rest. Additionally, the most recent edition of Myers Park's award-winning literary magazine, *The Pegasus*, will be available for purchase. Please come out and support the students' work specifically and the department as a whole.