

Annapolis High School

English Department

Summer Reading Program for students in 11th and 12th grade Standard and 11th and 12th grade Honors English classes.

Dear Annapolis High School student,

Summer is the time to relax, recharge, and rejuvenate. To help you keep your brain active, it is a good idea for you to continue to read over the summer break. Here in Anne Arundel County, we have the wonderful opportunity to borrow books for free from the public library. Your summer reading assignment is for you to go to your local public library, check out and read a book in accordance with the grade you are entering this fall. On the back, is a list of suggested reading books from the board of education. If you wish, you may go to a bookstore you like such as Borders Bookstore or Barnes & Noble Bookstore and purchase a book.

Once you have finished reading your book, please pick one of the assignments below to complete. During the first week of school you should turn your finished product in to your English teacher so that it can be graded. Please consult the rubric in the next column.

- 1) Write a promotional campaign for a movie about the book.
- 2) Write a poem that would accompany or explain the story.
- 3) Write a different ending for the book.
- 4) You are a fortune teller and have been asked to predict what each of the characters in your book will be doing ten years after the story ends. Be sure to explain why you feel the events you predict will happen.
- 5) Create a collage (both words and pictures/symbols) to represent the mood of the book or its theme.
- 6) Make a test based upon the book. (Please include an answer sheet.)
- 7) Create a passport and travel-log for the main character in the book. The destination should be in keeping with the story line.

Local Library Branches:

Annapolis Area Branch 1410 West Street Annapolis, MD 21401 (410-222-1750)	Eastport-Annapolis Neck Branch 269 Hillsmere Drive Annapolis, MD 21403 (410)222-1770	Edgewater Branch 25 Stepney's Lane Edgewater, MD 21037 (410)222-1538
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Rubric for summer reading assignment

	Beginning 1	Developing 2	Accomplished 3	Excellent 4
Spelling/ Grammar	Many spelling and grammatical errors	A few errors	Only one or two errors	Spelling and grammar perfect
Evidence of reading and understanding	Little evidence of student reading and understanding book	Some evidence of student reading and understanding book	Much evidence of student reading and understanding book	Abundant evidence of student reading and understanding book
Creativity and thoughtfulness in completing assignment	Little evidence of creativity and thought	Some evidence of creativity and thought	Much evidence of creativity and thought	Abundant evidence of creativity and thought
Diction (Words used in assignment)	Lacks descriptive words	Uses a few descriptive words	Vocabulary is varied and appropriate	Superb word choice
Timeliness	Report handed in more than two weeks late	Report handed in second week of school (not including the third day of class)	Report turned in the third day of English class	Report turned in the first week of school

Book options for students entering 11th grade:

All My Sons by Arthur Miller

Joe Keller becomes rich as a manufacturer of substandard war materials in a conflict that takes one of his sons and imprisons a colleague.

Death Be Not Proud by John Gunther

John Gunther's memoir tells the story of his son - an optimistic, brilliant young man who must cope with his own fatal brain tumor.

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

During his journey through an intolerant 1950's American society, an anonymous young African-American discovers that he and many others are invisible.

The Little Foxes by Lillian Hellman

Members of the greedy and treacherous Hubbard family compete with each other for control of the mill that will bring them riches in the post-Civil War South.

Shattering Glass by Gail Giles

Popularity, ambition, wealth, and control. High school boys vie to be alpha male. How far would you go?

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Stargirl is an oddball who becomes popular. When the "in-crowd" turns on her, will she listen to the advice of her hottie to keep things on the DL?

Sailing Around the Room by Billy Collins

Beethoven's "Famous Barking Dog Solo" will turn your notion of poetry on its head. From sublime to downright funny, this U.S. Poet Laureate offers something for everyone.

Song of the Buffalo Boy by Sherry Garland

Follow the story of 17-year-old Loi caught between her Vietnamese heritage and the dream of an American father she has never seen.

Wait Until Next Year by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Set in the suburbs of New York in the 1950's, this touching and gentle memoir tells of Goodwin's growing up in love with her family and the great American pastime, baseball.

Book options for students entering 12th grade:

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Sometimes it might be best to turn down even the most tempting dinner invitation, especially if murder is on the menu.

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Orphaned, Jane takes a position as a governess with the mysterious Mr. Rochester. How will she deal with her growing attraction toward him? This is the novel that the Harlequins imitate.

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines

A Louisiana robbery leads to a quick death sentence. A teacher learns compassion through visits with the condemned. A grandmother asks that her grandson be allowed to die like a man.

Light Thickens by Ngaiio Marsh

"Light thickens, and the crow makes wing to the rooky wood." Just like the ambitious Macbeth, someone is planning an evil deed in this classic whodunit set during a run of William Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

In Kambili's world, Papa is God, until her 17 year-old brother quietly refuses to take communion.

Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T.S. Eliot

Before they made it to Broadway, the Jellicle cats delighted readers in these very witty poems about very human cats.

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of time..." So begins this classic tale of love and redemption in revolutionary France.

Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston

A Chinese-American woman uses her pen as a sword against sexism and racism.