

Annapolis High School

English Department

Summer Reading Program for students in 9th & 10th grade Daily English, 9th and 10th grade Standard English, and 10th grade Honors English (9th grade Honors/MYP students will read *Lord of the Flies*)

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 9th grade:

Brighton Beach Memoirs, Biloxi Blues, Broadway Bound: by Neil Simon

This trilogy of comic dramas traces the life of Eugene Jerome through boyhood, boot camp, and Broadway success.

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by: Mark Haddon

Fifteen-year-old autistic Christopher John Francis Boone uses his math genius to solve the murder of his neighbor's dog.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

In the Earth of the future, mankind is at risk of annihilation from a species of aliens in this classic work of science fiction.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Tolkien's classic tale tells the story of Bilbo Baggins on his quest for adventure and treasure.

Ironman by Chris Crutcher

Anger is Bo's weapon and it is aimed at his father, his teacher and his classmates.

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

"Last night I dreamt I went to Manderlay again." So begins the saga of a young wife's search for the truth about the mysterious Rebecca.

Shoeless Joe by Joe Kinsella

"If you build it, he will come." You don't have to be a baseball fan to appreciate this take on the American Dream.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

Four BFFL's make a pact to share a pair of vintage blue jeans as they share different summertime experiences. Oh, the places they'll go!

Slam by Walter Dean Myers

David struggles to survive on the streets and drive down the courts for a mean game, the game of life.

Stuck in Neutral by Terry Trueman

Wheelchair-bound Shawn McDaniel fears his father is going to kill him!

The Gospel According to Larry by Janet Tashjian

Josh wants the girl. Larry wants the world. Can an Internet guru who spouts sermons about rebellion and anti-consumerism get both?

Book options for students entering 10th grade:

The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver

When Taylor's car breaks down in Oklahoma, she is "given" a baby whom she names Turtle because "when she grabs you, she never lets go."

Bronx Masquerade by Niki Grimes

Poetry mimics rap music. In English class, 'open-mike' poetry sessions allow students to share their feelings and dreams.

The Cape Ann by Faith Sullivan

Lark dreams of trading in her family's home in a train depot in Depression-era Minnesota for a house in the style of Cape Ann.

Dragonsong (or series) by Anne McCaffrey

Menolly teaches the fire lizards how to sing in this book, the first of an enchanting fantasy series.

Emako Blue by Brenda Woods

A fatal drive-by shooting makes a group of teens reflect on their relationship with the victim—beautiful and talented Emako.

Jubilee by Margaret Walker

This is the life story of Vyry, a heroic African American woman, who faces the joys and hardships of life during slavery, emancipation, and the road to reconstruction. This American story is a richly detailed narrative and historical treasure trove.

Killer Angels by Michael Shaara

Shaara's Pulitzer Prize winning novel recounts the bravery of the men who fought at Gettysburg during the three bloodiest days of the Civil War.

The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury

Earthlings gain and lose Mars in these short tales about the colonization of another planet.

The Piano Lesson by August Wilson

He says: Sell the piano and get a fortune. She says: No way, its carvings tell the family history.

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

The image of a Black Madonna guides 14-year-old Lily on a journey to know her mother and understand her mother's death.

