

NORTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
Shaker High School
445 Watervliet-Shaker Road
Latham, New York 12110

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Dear Parents and Students:

In North Colonie, we believe that reading during the vacation months contributes significantly to a student's academic growth and lifelong reading pleasure. As a result, we require that all students complete the following assignments.

- Students enrolled in **9APP, 9H, 10APP, 10H, 11APP, 11H, and Reading Literature** must read **two books** -- one required book and one from the grade level list.
- Students in **English 12AP** are required to read **three books** – two required and one from the grade level list.
- Students enrolled in **9R, 9B, 10R, 10B, 11R, 11B, and senior electives** must read **two books** selected from the grade level list.

The reading lists are designed to provide a wide range of selections for various reading levels and interests. Certainly, not every book will appeal to every reader. As such, we advise parents and students to select books judiciously. In order for summer reading to be an enjoyable experience, the books chosen should be appropriate for the student both in terms of content and level of difficulty.

Please note that while there is no written assignment to be completed during the summer, students will be given a graded assignment when they return to school in the fall. Summer reading should be done carefully. Students should note key ideas either directly in their copies of the books or on post-it notes.

Additional summer reading packets are available at: The Book House, Stuyvesant Plaza; The Book Barn, Caprara Plaza; William K. Sanford Library; Borders (Colonie); Barnes & Noble (Colonie); Menands Public Library; and the North Colonie web page (www.northcolonie.org). Reading packets will also be available in the Guidance Office, Media Center, and Main Office at Shaker High School.

Any student experiencing difficulty with this assignment or having questions should contact me in the Department Supervisors' Office at Shaker High School, 785-5511, ext. 3368.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Skeals
English Supervisor

Required Reading

Students in the following courses must read **two books** of choice from the appropriate grade level list. In the fall, students will be given an assignment by their classroom teachers.

Grade 9 Basic

Grade 9 Regents

Grade 10 Basic

Grade 10 Regents

Grade 11 Basic

Grade 11 Regents

Grade 12 - All Senior Electives

Students in the following courses must read the required book(s) listed. In addition, students in these courses must choose **one additional book** to read from the appropriate grade level list. In the fall, students will discuss extensively the required reading and will write a paper in response.

Grade 9 Advanced Placement Preparation:

A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens

Grade 9 Honors:

Haroun and the Sea of Stories, Salman Rushdie

Grade 10 Advanced Placement Preparation:

Beowulf, A verse translation by Seamus Heaney

Grade 10 Honors:

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Robert Louis Stevenson

Grade 11 Advanced Placement Preparation:

Age of Innocence, Edith Wharton

Grade 11 Honors:

The Catcher in the Rye, J. D. Salinger

Grade 12 Advanced Placement:

The Namesake, Jhumpa Lahiri

and

How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Thomas C. Foster

Grade 12 Reading Literature (University in the High School)

Nobody's Fool, Richard Russo

English 9 and 10

CLASSICS

Austen, Jane
Bronte, Emily
Cather, Willa
Christie, Agatha

Doyle, Arthur Conan
DuMaurier, Daphne
Remarque, Erich Marie
Smith, Betty
Verne, Jules
Wells, H. G.
White, T. H.

FICTION

Alvarez, Julia

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Sense and Sensibility
Wuthering Heights
My Antonia
And Then There Were None
Murder on the Orient Express
Towards Zero
The Hound of the Baskervilles
Rebecca
All Quiet on the Western Front
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
The Invisible Man
The Once and Future King

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent
Finding Miracles
Catalyst
Prom

Berg, Elizabeth
Bradbury, Jennifer
Clark, Mary Higgins
Collins, Suzanne
Cook, Robin
Crutcher, Chris
Dessen, Sarah

Flinn, Alex
Griffin, Adele

Grisham, John

Grooms, Anthony
Halpin, Brendan
Harter, Brent
Hoffman, Alice
Horowitz, Anthony
Johnson, Maureen

Maguire, Gregory

Joy School

Shift
On the Street Where You Live
Hunger Games
Outbreak
Whale Talk
The Truth About Forever
Just Listen
Breathing Underwater
Where I Want to Be
My Almost Epic Summer
A Painted House
Playing for Pizza
Bombingham
How Ya Like Me Now
Project Sweet Life
Local Girls
Point Blank – Alex Rider Series
13 Little Blue Envelopes
Suite Scarlett
Wicked

Martel, Yann
Oates, Joyce Carol
Parker, Robert
Patterson, James
Picoult, Jodi
Scott, Michael
Sparks, Nicholas
Sturman, Jennifer
Valentine, Jenny
Wooding, Chris
Zusak, Markus

HISTORICAL FICTION

Anderson, Laurie Halse
Brooks, Gwendolyn
Chevalier, Tracy

HISTORICAL FICTION (Cont'd.)

Meyer, Carolyn
Twain, Mark
King Arthur's Court
Wright, Richard

NON-FICTION

Albom, Mitch
Ambrose, Stephen
Griffin, John
Halberstam, David
Jeter, Derek

Junger, Sebastian
Kurson, Robert
Lacy, Robert
Nelson, Pete
O'Nan, Stewart and
Steven King

Life of Pi
Big Mouth and Ugly Girl
The Boxer and the Spy
The Angel Experiment
My Sister's Keeper
The Alchemyst
A Walk to Remember
And Then Everything Unraveled
Broken Soup
Storm Thief
Book Thief

Fever 1792
Plague Year
Girl with a Pearl Earring

Mary, Bloody Mary
Connecticut Yankee in

Black Boy

Tuesdays with Morrie
The Wild Blue
Black Like Me
Firehouse
The Life You Imagine: Life
Lessons for Achieving Your
Dreams
The Perfect Storm
Shadow Divers
The Year One Thousand
Left for Dead
Faithful: Two Diehard Boston
Red Sox Fans Chronicle the
Historic 2004 Season

Roy, Travis
Schlosser, Eric
Sides, Hampton
Worsley, Frank Arthur

Eleven Seconds: A Story of
Tragedy, Courage and Triumph
Fast Food Nation
Ghost Soldiers
Endurance: An Epic of Polar
Adventure

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

Adams, Douglas
Card, Orson Scott
Dickinson, Peter
Jordan, Robert
King, Stephen
Odom, Mel
Paolini, Christopher

Hitchhiker's Guide to the
Galaxy
Enders Game
The Ropemaker
The Kin
Eye of the World
Eye of the Dragon
The Rover
Eragon
Brisingr

MEMOIR/BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Armstrong, Lance
Conroy, Pat
Dillard, Annie
Gay, Peter
Herriot, James
Jensen, Hanna
Jiang, Ji Li
Lewis, Michael
Mantle, Mickey
McElwain, Jason with
Daniel Paisner
Ortiz, David
Salzman, Mark
Santiago, Esmeralda
Walls, Jeannette

It's Not the Bike, My
Journey Back to Life
My Losing Season
An American Childhood
Mozart
All Creatures Great and Small
Over a Thousand Hills I Walk
With You
The Red Scarf Girl
The Blind Side
My Favorite Summer - 1956
The Game of My Life
Big Papi
Lost in Place
When I Was Puerto Rican
The Glass Castle

English 11 and 12

CLASSICS

Austen, Jane
Christie, Agatha
Eliot, George
James, Henry
Kerouac, Jack
Mccullers, Carson
Thackeray, William
Makepeace
Vonnegut, Kurt
Walker, Alice
Welty, Eudora
Wharton, Edith

Emma
Death on the Nile
Middlemarch
Daisy Miller
On the Road
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter

Vanity Fair
Slaughterhouse Five
The Color Purple
Delta Wedding
House of Mirth

FICTION

Baldwin, James
Baldacci, David
Barrett, Andrea
Binchy, Maeve
Bohjalian, Chris
Brookner, Anita
Cabot, Meg
Chbosky, Stephen
Clancy, Tom
Clark, Mary Higgins
Coetzee, J. M.
Cornwell, Patricia
Crichton, Michael
Doctorow, E. L.
D'Orso, Michael

If Beale Street Could Talk
The Simple Truth
Ship Fever and Other Stories
Circle of Friends
Tara Road
Midwives
The Double Bind
Before You Know Kindness
Hotel DuLac
Shadowland
The Perks of Being a Wallflower
Patriot Games
Where are the Children?
Slow Man
Cause of Death
The Body Farm
Airframe
Prey
Billy Bathgate
Eagle Blue

Edwards, Kim
Eggers, Dave
Esquivel, Laura
Evans, Nicholas
Fielding, Joy
Follet, Ken
Forester, E. M.
Fowler, Karen Joy
Franzen, Jonathan
Gibbons, Kaye
Goodman, Carol
Grisham, John
Gutterson, David
Haddon, Mark

Hamill, Pete
Haruki, Murakami
Haslett, Adam
Hoffman, Alice
Hoffman, Eva
Hosseini, Khaled
Huxley, Aldous
Irving, John
Ishiguro, Kazuo
Ivan, Doig

FICTION (Cont'd.)

Jackson, Shirley
Jin, Ha
Kesey, Ken
Kimmel, Haven
Kincaid, Jamaica
King, Stephen

The Memory Keeper's Daughter
You Shall Know Our Velocity
What is the What
Like Water for Chocolate
The Horse Whisperer
See Jane Run
Eye of the Needle
A Room With a View
The Jane Austen Book Club
The Corrections
A Virtuous Woman
The Lake of Dead Languages
Testament
Snow Falling on Cedars
The Curious Incident of the
Dog in the Night-Time
Snow in August
Kafka on the Shore
You Are Not a Stranger Here
Skylight Confessions
Lost in Translation
A Thousand Splendid Suns
Island
Cider House Rules
Never Let Me Go
The Whistling Season

The Haunting of Hill House
The Crazed
Waiting
Sometimes a Great Notion
The Solace of Leaving Early
The Autobiography of My
Mother
Misery

Lawson, Mary
Livesey, Margot
Maguire, Gregory

Marquez, Gabriel Garcia
McDermott, Alice

McEwan, Ian

McMillan, Terry
McInerney, Jay
Mitchell, David
Munro, Alice
Oates, Joyce Carol
O'Nan, Stewart

Ondaatje, Michael

Patchett, Ann
Perrotta, Tom

Proulx, E. Annie
Quindlen, Anna

Raleigh, Michael
Roth, Philip
Russo, Richard
Sebold, Alice
See, Lisa

Shields, Carol
Simpson, Mona
Smith, Alexander McCall
Smith, Zadie

Styron, William
Tan, Amy

Tartt, Donna

Theroux, Paul
Turow, Scott
Tyler, Anne

Weber, Katharine
Werlin, Nancy

HISTORICAL FICTION

Connors, Bernard
Cross, Donna
deRosnay, Tatiana
Diamante, Anita
Doctorow, E. L.
Fowlett, Ken
Frazier, Charles
Gardam, Jane
Golden, Arthur
Gruen, Sara
Harris, Robert
Kingsolver, Barbara
Nemirovsky, Irene
Shaara, Michael

NON-FICTION

Conover, Ted
Ehrenreich, Barbara
Friedman, Thomas
Fuller, Alexandra

Goodwin, Doris Kearns

Crow Lake
Banishing Verona
Mirror, Mirror
Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister
Love in the Time of Cholera
Charming Billy
Child of My Heart
That Night
Atonement
Saturday
Waiting to Exhale
Bright Lights, Big City
Black Swan Green
Runaway
We Were the Mulvaney
The Good Wife
Songs for the Missing
The English Patient
Anil's Ghost
Patron Saint of Liars
Joe College
Election
The Shipping News
Blessings
One True Thing
In the Castle of the Flynn
The Plot Against America
Empire Falls
The Lovely Bones
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
Unless
Off Keck Road
The Sunday Philosophy Club
White Teeth
On Beauty
Sophie's Choice
The Kitchen God's Wife
The Joy Luck Club
The Bonesetter's Daughter
The Secret History
The Little Friend
The Mosquito Coast
Presumed Innocent
Saint Maybe
A Patchwork Planet
The Music Lesson
Double Helix

Dancehall
Pope Joan
Sarah's Key
The Red Tent
The Fall
Pillars of the Earth
Cold Mountain
Flight of the Maidens
Memoirs of a Geisha
Water for Elephants
Pompeii: A Novel
The Poisonwood Bible
Suite Francaise
Killer Angels

Rolling Nowhere
Nickel and Dimed
The World Is Flat
Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight
Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln
No Ordinary Time: Franklin And Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World

Halberstam, David

Hall, Brian

Ilibaggiza, Immaculee
Klinkenborg, Verlyn
Krakauer, Jon
McCullough, David
Schlosser, Eric
Sedaris, David

MEMOIR/BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Beah, Ishmael
Didion, Joan
Dillard, Annie
Dirie, Waris
Durant, Michael
Eggars, Dave

MacLean, Norman
McBride, James
McCourt, Frank
Moehring, J. R.
Nafisi, Azar
Patchett, Ann
Wolff, Tobias
X, Malcolm

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

Doyle, Arthur Conan
Gibson, William
Goodkind, Terry
Haggard, H. Rider

Herbert, Frank
Huxley, Aldous
Jordan, Robert
Rand, Ayn

Vonnegut, Kurt

War II
The Daily Lives of Heroes
Summer of '49
The Fifties
Best and the Brightest
I Should Be Extremely Happy in Your Company
Left to Tell
The Rural Life
Into the Wild
1776
Fast Food Nation
Naked
Barrel Fever
Me Talk Pretty One Day
Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim

A Long Way Gone
The Year of Magical Thinking
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek
Desert Flower
In the Company of Heroes
A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius
A River Runs Through It
The Color of Water
Angela's Ashes
The Tender Bar
Reading 'Lolita' in Tehran
Truth and Beauty
Old School
The Autobiography of Malcolm X

The Lost World
Neuromancer
The Sword of Truth
King Solomon's Mines
She
Dune
Brave New World
Eye of the World
Atlas Shrugged
The Fountainhead
Cat's Cradle
Breakfast of Champions
Player Piano

