

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, 9 Humanities, 9B, 10R, 10 Humanities, 10B, 11R, 11 Humanities, 11B, and senior electives** must read **two books** selected from the grade level list.

The reading lists are designed to provide for various reading levels and interests. We advise parents and students to select books wisely. Summer reading should be an enjoyable experience, and the books chosen should be appropriate for the student both in terms of content and level of difficulty.

Please note that there is no written assignment to be completed during the summer. Students will be given and graded on an assignment when they return to school in the fall. I do want to emphasize that 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 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:

Haroun and the Sea of Stories, Salman Rushdie

Grade 9 Honors:

Haroun and the Sea of Stories, Salman Rushdie

Grade 10 Advanced Placement Preparation:

Frankenstein, Mary Shelley

Grade 10 Honors:

About a Boy, Nick Hornby

Grade 11 Advanced Placement Preparation:

The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison

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

Read with Cornell

Looking for the “one other book” to complete your summer reading? This year, we are proud to announce our “Read with Cornell” program which is open to all students in grades 9—12. Freshmen who are entering Cornell University in the fall will be required to read John Steinbeck’s classic, *The Grapes of Wrath*. We at Shaker are encouraging our students to read *The Grapes of Wrath* as an additional reading selection. Thanks to Cornell’s Cooperative Extension, we will have access to supplemental materials from Cornell professors which we will be using as part of our school-wide book discussion group. This event, which will be hosted by our English Council, will give us a chance to share our reflections and reactions as we discuss the reading together. Participation in this event will fulfill the *additional* reading requirement for all English classes.

Students in the following courses must read **two books** 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 9 Humanities

Grade 10 Basic

Grade 10 Regents

Grade 10 Humanities

Grade 11 Basic

Grade 11 Regents

Grade 11 Humanities

Grade 12 - All Senior Electives

English 9 and 10

FICTION

Alvarez, Julia *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent*
Finding Miracles

Anderson, Laurie Halse *Catalyst*
Prom
Sense and Sensibility

Austen, Jane *Joy School*

Berg, Elizabeth *Circle of Friends*

Binchy, Maeve *Scarlet Feather*

Braithwaite, Edward
Ricardo *To Sir With Love*

Brashares, Ann *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*
The Second Summer of the Sisterhood

Bronte, Emily *Wuthering Heights*

Cabot, Meg *Shadowland*

Caldwell, Laura *Burning the Map*

Cather, Willa *My Antonia*

Christie, Agatha *And Then There Were None*
Murder on the Orient Express

Clark, Mary Higgins *On the Street Where You Live*

Cook, Robin *Outbreak*

Crutcher, Chris *Whale Talk*

Dessen, Sarah *The Truth About Forever*
Just Listen

Doyle, Arthur Conan *The Hound of the Baskervilles*

DuMaurier, Daphne *Rebecca*

Esquivel, Laura *Like Water for Chocolate*

Flinn, Alex *Breathing Underwater*

Forester, E. M. *A Passage to India*

Flagg, Fannie *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*

Goldberg, Myla *Bee Season*

Grisham, John *A Painted House*
Playing for Pizza
Bombingham
Snow Falling on Cedars
How Ya Like Me Now
Local Girls
A Patch of Blue

Grooms, Anthony *She's Come Undone*

Gutterson, David *Where the Heart Is*

Halpin, Brendan *Wicked*

Hoffman, Alice *Nanny Diaries*

Kata, Elizabeth *Big Mouth and Ugly Girl*

Lamb, Wally *The Boxer and the Spy*

Letts, Billie

Maguire, Gregory

McLaughlin, Emma

Oates, Joyce Carol

FICTION (cont'd.)

Parker, Robert

Patterson, James

Quindlen, Anna

Raleigh, Michael

Shreve, Anita

Shute, Neville

Smith, Betty

Sparks, Nicholas

Tan, Amy

Weisberg, Joseph

Werlin, Nancy

White, T. H.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Chevalier, Tracy

Fowlett, Ken

Meyer, Carolyn

Remarque, Erich Marie
Front

Rinaldi, Anne

Shaara, Michael

Twain, Mark

Uris, Leon

Wright, Richard

NON-FICTION

Albom, Mitch

Allen, Thomas B.

Ambrose, Stephen

Beals, Melba

Brokaw, Tom

Bush, Jenna

Griffin, John

Halberstam, David

Hillenbrand, Laura

Jeter, Derek

Junger, Sebastian

Kurson, Robert

Lacy, Robert

Nelson, Pete

O'Nan, Stewart and
Steven King

NON-FICTION (Cont'd.)

Roy, Travis

Schlosser, Eric

Sides, Hampton

Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas
One True Thing
In the Castle of the Flynnns
The Pilot's Wife
A Town Like Alice
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
The Notebook
A Walk to Remember
The Bonesetter's Daughter
10th Grade
Double Helix
The Once and Future King

Girl with a Pearl Earring
Pillars of the Earth
Mary, Bloody Mary
All Quiet on the Western

Brooklyn Rose
Killer Angels
Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
Trinity
Black Boy

Tuesdays with Morrie
George Washington, Spy-master: How the Americans Outspied the British and Won the Revolutionary War
The Wild Blue
Warriors Don't Cry
The Greatest Generation
Ana's Story
Black Like Me
Firehouse
Seabiscuit
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

Eleven Seconds: A Story of Tragedy, Courage and Triumph
Fast Food Nation
Ghost Soldiers

Unger, Zac *The Making of An Accidental
Fireman*
Worsley, Frank Arthur *Endurance: An Epic of Polar
Adventure*

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

Adams, Douglas *Hitchhiker's Guide to the
Galaxy*
Card, Orson Scott *Enders Game*
Crichton, Michael *Andromeda Strain*
Dickinson, Peter *The Ropemaker
The Kin*
Jordan, Robert *Eye of the World*
King, Stephen *Eye of the Dragon*
Meyer, Stephanie *Twilight
New Moon
Eclipse*

MEMOIR/BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Armstrong, Lance *It's Not the Bike, My*
Odom, Mel *The Rover*
Paolini, Christopher *Eragon*
Rice, Anne *Interview with the Vampire*
Tolkien, J. R. R. *The Hobbit
The Fellowship of the Ring
The Two Tower
Return of the King*

Journey Back to Life
My Losing Season
An American Childhood
Mozart
All Creatures Great and Small
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
*20,000 Leagues Under the
Sea*
The Invisible Man

Conroy, Pat
Dillard, Annie
Gay, Peter
Herriot, James
Jiang, Ji Li
Lewis, Michael
Mantle, Mickey
McElwain, Jason with
Daniel Paisner
Ortiz, David
Salzman, Mark
Santiago, Esmeralda
Walls, Jeannette
Verne, Jules
Wells, H. G.

English 11 and 12

FICTION

Alexie, Sherman *The Absolutely True Diary
Of a Part-Time Indian*
Atwood, Margaret *The Blind Assassin*
Austen, Jane *Emma*

Baker, Kevin *Paradise Alley*
Baldwin, James *If Beale Street Could Talk*
Banks, Russell *The Sweet Hereafter*
Rule of the Bone
Baldacci, David *The Simple Truth*

Barrett, Andrea	<i>Ship Fever and Other Stories</i>	Irving, John	<i>Cider House Rules</i>
Begley, Louis	<i>About Schmidt</i>	Ishiguro, Kazuo	<i>Never Let Me Go</i>
Binchy, Maeve	<i>Tara Road</i>	Ivan, Doig	<i>The Whistling Season</i>
Bohjalian, Chris	<i>Midwives</i>	Jackson, Shirley	<i>The Haunting of Hill House</i>
Brookner, Anita	<i>Before You Know Kindness</i>	James, Henry	<i>Daisy Miller</i>
Chbosky, Stephen	<i>Hotel DuLac</i>	Jin, Ha	<i>The Crazyed</i>
Christie, Agatha	<i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i>	Kerouac, Jack	<i>On the Road</i>
Clancy, Tom	<i>Death on the Nile</i>	Kesey, Ken	<i>Sometimes a Great Notion</i>
Clark, Mary Higgins	<i>Patriot Games</i>	Kimmel, Haven	<i>The Solace of Leaving Early</i>
Coetzee, J. M.	<i>Where are the Children?</i>	Kincaid, Jamaica	<i>The Autobiography of My Mother</i>
Coetzee, J. M.	<i>Slow Man</i>	King, Stephen	<i>Misery</i>
Cook, Robin	<i>Coma</i>	Lawson, Mary	<i>Crow Lake</i>
Cornwell, Patricia	<i>Cause of Death</i>	Lehane, Dennis	<i>Mystic River</i>
Crichton, Michael	<i>The Body Farm</i>	Livesey, Margot	<i>Gone Baby Gone</i>
Doctorow, E. L.	<i>Airframe</i>	Maguire, Gregory	<i>Banishing Verona</i>
D'Orso, Michael	<i>Prey</i>	Marquez, Gabriel Garcia	<i>Mirror, Mirror</i>
Edwards, Kim	<i>Billy Bathgate</i>	Martel, Yann	<i>Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister</i>
Eggers, Dave	<i>Eagle Blue</i>	Mccullers, Carson	<i>Love in the Time of Cholera</i>
Eliot, George	<i>The Memory Keeper's Daughter</i>		<i>Life of Pi</i>
Eugenides, Jeffrey	<i>You Shall Know Our Velocity</i>		<i>The Heart is a Lonely Hunter</i>
Evans, Nicholas	<i>Middlemarch</i>	McDermott, Alice	<i>Charming Billy</i>
Fielding, Helen	<i>Middlesex</i>	McEwan, Ian	<i>Child of My Heart</i>
Fielding, Joy	<i>The Horse Whisperer</i>	McMillan, Terry	<i>That Night</i>
Follet, Ken	<i>Bridget Jones' Diary</i>	McInerney, Jay	<i>Atonement</i>
Forester, E. M.	<i>See Jane Run</i>	Mitchell, David	<i>Saturday</i>
Fowler, Karen Joy	<i>Eye of the Needle</i>	Munro, Alice	<i>Waiting to Exhale</i>
Franzen, Jonathan	<i>A Room With a View</i>		<i>Bright Lights, Big City</i>
Gibbons, Kaye	<i>The Jane Austen Book Club</i>		<i>Black Swan Green</i>
	<i>The Corrections</i>		<i>Runaway</i>
	<i>A Virtuous Woman</i>		
		<u>FICTION (Cont'd.)</u>	
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Goodman, Carol	<i>The Lake of Dead Languages</i>	O'Nan, Stewart	<i>Because It Is Bitter and Because It Is My Heart</i>
Grisham, John	<i>Testament</i>	Ondaatje, Michael	<i>The Good Wife</i>
Haddon, Mark	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>	Patchett, Ann	<i>Songs for the Missing</i>
Hamill, Pete	<i>Snow in August</i>	Perrotta, Tom	<i>The English Patient</i>
Haruki, Murakami	<i>Kafka on the Shore</i>	Piroult, Jodi	<i>Anil's Ghost</i>
Haslett, Adam	<i>You Are Not a Stranger Here</i>	Proulx, E. Annie	<i>Patron Saint of Liars</i>
Hoffman, Alice	<i>Skylight Confessions</i>	Quindlen, Anna	<i>Bel Canto</i>
Hoffman, Eva	<i>Lost in Translation</i>	Roth, Philip	<i>Joe College</i>
Hosseini, Khaled	<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i>	Russo, Richard	<i>Election</i>
Huxley, Aldous	<i>Island</i>		<i>My Sister's Keeper</i>
			<i>The Shipping News</i>
			<i>Blessings</i>
			<i>The Plot Against America</i>
			<i>Empire Falls</i>

Sebold, Alice *The Lovely Bones*
 See, Lisa *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*
 Shields, Carol *Unless*
 Simpson, Mona *Off Keck Road*
 Smith, Alexander McCall *The Sunday Philosophy Club*
 Smith, Zadie *White Teeth*
On Beauty
 Stewart, Mary *Touch Not the Cat*
 Styron, William *Sophie's Choice*
 Tan, Amy *The Kitchen God's Wife*
The Joy Luck Club
 Tartt, Donna *The Secret History*
The Little Friend
 Thackeray, William
 Makepeace *Vanity Fair*
 Theroux, Paul *The Mosquito Coast*
 Turow, Scott *Presumed Innocent*
 Tyler, Anne *The Amateur Marriage*
Breathing Lessons
 Updike, John *Rabbit Run*
 Vonnegut, Kurt *Slaughterhouse Five*
 Walker, Alice *The Color Purple*
 Weber, Katharine *The Music Lesson*
 Wells, Rachel *The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*
 Welty, Eudora *Delta Wedding*
 Wharton, Edith *House of Mirth*

HISTORICAL FICTION

Connors, Bernard *Dancehall*
 Cross, Donna *Pope Joan*
 Cussler, Clive *Raise the Titanic!*
 Diamante, Anita *The Red Tent*
 Doctorow, E. L. *The Fall*
 Frazier, Charles *Cold Mountain*
 Gardam, Jane *Flight of the Maidens*
 Golden, Arthur *Memoirs of a Geisha*
 Gregory, Philippa *The Other Boleyn Girl*
The Virgin Lover
The Queen's Fool
 Gruen, Sara *Water for Elephants*
 Harris, Robert *Pompeii: A Novel*
 Kingsolver, Barbara *The Poisonwood Bible*
 Nemirovsky, Irene *Suite Francaise*

NON-FICTION

Brokaw, Tom *Boom*

Conover, Ted *Rolling Nowhere*
 Ehrenreich, Barbara *Nickel and Dimed*
 Friedman, Thomas *The World Is Flat*
 Fuller, Alexandra *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight*
 Goodwin, Dorris Kearns *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*
No Ordinary Time: Franklin And Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II
 Halberstam, David *The Education of a Coach*
The Daily Lives of Heroes
Summer of '49
The Fifties
Best and the Brightest
 Hall, Brian *I Should Be Extremely Happy in Your Company*
 Ilibaggiza, Immaculee *Left to Tell*
 Klinkenborg, Verlyn *The Rural Life*
 Krakauer, Jon *Into the Wild*
 Erik Larson *The Devil in the White City*
 Mantle, Mickey *My Favorite Summer*
 McCullouch, David *1776*
 McGinniss, Joe *Fatal Vision*
 Schlosser, Eric *Fast Food Nation*

NON-FICTION (Cont'd.)

Sedaris, David *Naked*
Barrel Fever
Me Talk Pretty One Day
Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim
 Shaughnessy, Dan *Reversing the Curse*

MEMOIR/BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Bouton, Jim *Foul Ball*
 Didion, Joan *The Year of Magical Thinking*
 Dillard, Annie *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*
 Dirie, Waris *Desert Flower*
 Durant, Michael *In the Company of Heroes*
 Eggars, Dave *A Heartbreaking Work of a Staggering Genius*
 MacLean, Norman *A River Runs Through It*
 McBride, James *The Color of Water*
 McCourt, Frank *Angela's Ashes*
 Moehring, J. R. *The Tender Bar*
 Nafisi, Azar *Reading 'Lolita' in Tehran*
 Patchett, Ann *Truth and Beauty*

Wolff, Tobias
X, Malcolm

Old School
The Autobiography of
Malcolm X

Vonnegut, Kurt

Cat's Cradle
Breakfast of Champions
Player Piano
Slaughterhouse Five

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

Doyle, Arthur Conan ***The Lost World***
Gibson, William ***Neuromancer***
Goodkind, Terry ***The Sword of Truth***
Haggard, H. Rider ***King Solomon's Mines***
She
Herbert, Frank ***Dune***
Huxley, Aldous ***Brave New World***
Jordan, Robert ***Eye of the World***
Rand, Ayn ***Atlas Shrugged***
The Fountainhead

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