

NORTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
Shaker High School
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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, 11APP, 11H**, and **Reading Literature** must read **two books** -- **one required** book *and* **one** from the **non-fiction** *or* **memoir/autobiography/biography** genre list.
- Students in **10H** are required to read **one required book, one required non-fiction** *and* **one** from the **grade level list**.
- Students in **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** – **one** selected from the **grade level list** *and* **one** selected from the **non-fiction** *or* **memoir/autobiography/biography** genre list.

The suggested 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. This year, we have asked for students to read one work of non-fiction with a view toward the expectations of the Common Core Learning Standards.

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 (Crossgates); 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,

Beth Bonville
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:

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

Grade 10 Honors:

The Hound of the Baskervilles, Sherlock Holmes

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 History of Love, Nicole Krauss

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

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

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
Hartinger, Brent
Hoffman, Alice
Horowitz, Anthony
Johnson, Maureen

Maguire, Gregory
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

Wright, Richard

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
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
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 King Arthur's Court
Black Boy

NON-FICTION

Albom, Mitch

Ambrose, Stephen
Griffin, John
Halberstam, David
Tony Hawk
Jeter, Derek

Junger, Sebastian
Kurson, Robert
Lacy, Robert
Mah
Myers, Walter Dean

Nelson, Pete
O'Nan, Stewart and
Steven King

Gary Paulsen
Pfezer, Mark
Roy, Travis

Schlosser, Eric
Sheridan, Sam
Sides, Hampton
Worsley, Frank Arthur

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

Adams, Douglas

Card, Orson Scott
Dickinson, Peter

Jordan, Robert
King, Stephen
Odom, Mel
Paolini, Christopher

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
Pelzer, Dave
Salzman, Mark
Santiago, Esmeralda
Walls, Jeannette

Tuesdays with Morrie

The Wild Blue
Black Like Me
Firehouse
Hawk: Occupation: Skateboarder
The Life You Imagine: Life Lessons for Achieving Your Dreams
The Perfect Storm
Shadow Divers
The Year One Thousand
Chinese Cinderella
Patrol: An American Soldier in Vietnam
The Greatest
Left for Dead
Faithful: Two Diehard Boston Red Sox Fans Chronicle the Historic 2004 Season
My Life in Dog Years
Within Reach
Eleven Seconds: A Story of Tragedy, Courage and Triumph
Fast Food Nation
A Fighter's Heart
Ghost Soldiers
Endurance: An Epic of Polar Adventure

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

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
A Child Called It
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

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

Thackeray, William
Makepeace
Vonnegut, Kurt
Walker, Alice
Welty, Eudora
Wharton, Edith

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
 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
 Guttererson, 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
 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

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
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 Crazy
Waiting
Sometimes a Great Notion
The Solace of Leaving Early
The Autobiography of My

Mother

Misery
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

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
 Didion, Joan

Ehrenreich, Barbara
 Ehrlich, Gretel
 Frazier, Ian

Friedman, Thomas
 Fuller, Alexandra

Goodwin, Doris Kearns

Halberstam, David

Hall, Brian

Ilibaggiza, Immaculee
 Kincaid, Jamaica

Klinkenborg, Verlyn
 Krakauer, Jon

Joe College Election
The Shipping News
Blessings
One True Thing
In the Castle of the Flynns
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
We Tell Ourselves Stories in Order to Live: Collected NonFiction

Nickel and Dimed
The Solace of Open Spaces
Great Plains
On the Rez
Travels in Siberia
The Fish's Eye

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 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
A Small Place

The Rural Life
Into the Wild

McCullough, David
Orlean, Susan
Schlosser, Eric
Sedaris, David

1776
The Bullfighter Checks Her Makeup
Fast Food Nation
Naked
Barrel Fever
Me Talk Pretty One Day
Dress Your Family in
Corduroy and Denim

Vowell, Sarah
Wallace Foster, David

The Wordy Shipmates
A Supposedly Fun Thing I'll Never Do
Again
A Room of One's Own

Woolf, Virginia

Malcolm X

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
Vonnegut, Kurt ***Cat's Cradle***
Breakfast of Champions
Player Piano

MEMOIR/BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Beah, Ishmael ***A Long Way Gone***
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 ***Old School***
X, Malcolm ***The Autobiography of***