

SOMERS HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Required selection(s) for students entering grade/level:

9R – Students must read *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* (Albom)
and also read one of the following:

A Night to Remember (Lord)

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian (Alexie)

Ender's Game (Card)

A Study in Scarlet (Conan Doyle)

Chains (Halse Anderson)

The Princess Bride (Goldman)

The Lightning Thief [*Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1*] (Riordan)

Special Class English 9 – Students must read *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* (Albom)

9H – Students must read *Stardust* (Gaiman)
and also read one of the following:

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (Smith)

The Book Thief (Zusak)

Ender's Game (Card)

To Kill a Mockingbird (Lee)

10R – Students must read two books—**one** non-fiction and **one** fiction—from below:

Non-fiction

Ten Days in a Mad-House (Bly)

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants

(Gladwell)

Fiction

Fahrenheit 451 (Bradbury)

The Giver (Lowry)

Unwind (Shusterman)

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Special Class English 10 – Students must read *The Giver* (Lowry)

10H – REQUIRED: *Students must buy their own copies of Ethan Frome* (Wharton).

--Read and make at least FIVE annotations within Wharton's book, including marginal notes on important scenes that also highlight examples of several stylistic elements within the passage (examples of devices such as symbolism; imagery; figurative language--simile, metaphor, personification; setting; characterization; juxtaposition, etc.). Note these elements in the margins and perhaps their purposes. These will be checked the first week back to school and lead to further journal entries about the novel.

AND

Students must also pick to read ONE of the below, non-fiction works by author Malcolm Gladwell. These will lead to small group discussions on the book when we return to school. These books all introduce thematic elements of the works we will study together in class this year:

The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference

Outliers: The Story of Success

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants

11R – Students must read any two of the following books:

Monster (Myers)

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Haddon)

Twisted (Anderson)

Between Shades of Gray (Sepetys)

A Long Way Gone (Beah)

Special Class English 11 – Students must read one of the following books:

The Wave (Strasser)

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Haddon)

Twisted (Anderson)

Between Shades of Gray (Sepetys)

A Long Way Gone (Beah)

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Required selection(s) for students entering grade/level:

11H – Students must read: *The Handmaid's Tale* (Atwood) **and** one of the following:

The Glass Castle (Walls)

Wild (Strayed)

Into the Wild (Krakauer)

IB HL Year 1 - Students must read: *The Handmaid's Tale* (Atwood) **and** one of the following:

The Glass Castle (Walls)

Wild (Strayed)

Into the Wild (Krakauer)

English 11 AP Language and Composition - Please read the three following titles:

Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything (Levitt, Dubner)

Pudd'nhead Wilson (Twain) (I recommend the Dover Publications edition. Cost: \$1.00)

Eats, Shoots & Leaves (Truss)

12R – Students must read **two** of the following:

I am the Messenger (Zusak)

Nineteen Minutes (Picoult)

The Things They Carried (O'Brien)

Room (Donoghue)

Boy 21 (Quick)

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Required selection(s) for students entering grade/level:

Special Class English 12 – Students must read one of the following books:

I am the Messenger (Zusak)

19 Minutes (Picoult)

The Things They Carried (O'Brien)

Room (Donoghue)

Boy 21 (Quick)

12H – Students must read *A Thousand Splendid Suns* (Hosseini) and *The Accidental Universe* (Lightman)

12AP – Students must read all of the following three novels:

The Grapes of Wrath (Steinbeck)

A Prayer for Owen Meany (Irving)

Their Eyes Were Watching God (Hurston)

Alternative High School –

Choose **ONE** book from the selections listed above for your grade level.