

## SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT - To be completed during the first weeks of school.

Your first assignment relates to the book you chose for summer reading: Create, draw, build ANYTHING that would represent your book. Try and have the title (underlined) somewhere, but if not possible, OK. Avoid collages.

The second part of the assignment is to identify elements of a story you might already know or we learned the first day. Please identify these on a separate sheet of paper and they should be typed. You may use any font you wish, but please make it all fit on one page.

1. Title / Author
2. Genre (division of literature)
3. Protagonist (good guy)
4. Antagonist (major source of conflict)
5. Back Story (events which occur before the story begins)
6. Internal conflict (conflict within / any decision a character makes)
7. External conflict (man vs. man, man vs. nature / Ex. "The Perfect Storm")
8. Foil Character (character on the same side of protagonist, yet a contrast) or a "sidekick"
9. Mentor Character (main character relies on for advice / Ex. OB1)
10. Archetype (a traditional structure or characteristic the author uses)
11. Subplot (a minor plot intertwined within the major)
12. Theme (a central message in the story)
13. Foreshadowing (clues to upcoming events)
14. Choose one song you would have on this novel's soundtrack. Briefly explain why it relates. Provide the lyrics which relate the most.
15. Choose one "quote"; from the book and explain how it relates to the beginning, middle, and end.

## 9th Grade Pre-AP Summer Reading Lists

It is expected that you read at least 3 novels this summer. (Think of it like the marathon. If you don't train, you will have trouble reaching the finish line next year.) You will need to make sure each novel is on a different list from those below. It is suggested you read an online summary of the novel if you aren't sure which one to choose. Please do not read the same book you have already read in the past or assume that if you read some of these before, you don't need to read this summer.

## Children's Classics Everyone Should Read

Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
Peter Pan	J.M. Barrie
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	L. Frank Baum
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
Chronicles of Narnia	C.S. Lewis
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle
The Incredible Journey	Sheila Burnford
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens
Harry Potter series	J.K. Rowling
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
Arabian Nights	Antoine Galland
The Princess Bride	William Goldman
Swiss Family Robinson	Johann David Wyss
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	Jules Verne
Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams

Count of Monte Cristo	Alexandre Dumas
Something Wicked This Way Comes	Ray Bradbury
Le Morte D'Arthur	Thomas Malory

## Multicultural Literature

Joy Luck Club	Amy Tan
Red Azalea	Anchee Min
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou
Yellow Raft in Blue Water	Michael Dorris
Like Water for Chocolate	Laura Esquivel
Color Purple	Alice Walker
Rain of Gold	Victor E. Villasenor
Life of Pi	Yann Martel
Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini
Their Eyes Were Watching God	Zora Neale Hurston

## Classic Canon (Books you should read before heading off to college)

Red Badge of Courage	Stephen Crane
Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte
Gone with the Wind	Margaret Mitchell
Catch 22	Joseph Heller
Invisible Man	Ralph Ellison
Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Ken Kesey

## Student Recommended (9th grade students 2007-2008)

The Lovely Bones	Alice Sebold
Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson
Always Running	Luis Rodriguez
Alive: The Story of the Andes Survivors	Piers Paul Read
Watchers	Dean R. Koontz
Twilight	Stephen Meyer
Child Called It	David Pelzer
The Golden Compass	Philip Pullman
Rainbow High	Alex Sanchez
Friday Night Lights	H.G. Bissinger
Perks of Being a Wallflower	Stephen Chbosky
Among the Hidden	Margaret Peterson Haddix
Jurassic Park	Michael Crichton
Face on the Milk Carton	Caroline B. Cooney
Into Thin Air	John Krakauer
The Notebook	Nicholas Sparks