

Junior American Literature  
Summer Reading

As part of our efforts here at CCHS to improve reading scores (ACT), the faculty and administration require all students to participate in the summer reading program. The truth is that students simply do not read as much as they have in the past. Sadly, this is often reflected in graduation rates, ACT scores, and low freshman college grades. Good reading and writing skills are imperative for future success in all areas of life. Therefore, like many schools in this state and nation, summer reading is part of the curriculum at CCHS.

Summer reading is a way of completing part of the REQUIRED reading for English classes ahead of time. These assignments WILL be graded. Summer reading should be completed by the first day of school in August. Within the first three weeks of school, you will complete a test on the novel. Please note: It will NOT be an Accelerated Reader test. These grades will be the first grades you receive in English class, no matter which teacher you have. \*\*Students are required to read **ONE** book.

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A Word of Caution: The book required for summer reading is meant to give you a positive, literary experience of powerful writing. It is written from a mature perspective and may include adult content. Reading works that investigate difficult ethical choices and actions does not ever condone or celebrate the choices these characters make. English classes are designed to allow students to see how the English language is used to convey the human experience in vivid, dramatic, and unforgettable ways.

Sincerely,

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**2018 Required Summer Reading:**

*Nothing but the Truth* by Avi