

SUMMER READING FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

- DO I REALLY HAVE TO READ THIS STUFF?

Yes, you do. Depending on the class you're entering, it will be one or more major test grades for you when you return to school. It will also sharpen your reading comprehension skills and expose you to important works of literature. We also think you will find something enjoyable here as well in selections that have been chosen with an eye to interest as well as quality.

- WHERE CAN I GET THESE BOOKS?

Books-A-Million, the Meridian Public Library, Amazon.com, Books-A-Million.com, Barnes and Noble, etc. While we will notify Books-A-Million of our reading list so they will have the books in stock, there is no "correct" location to purchase these books. Get them from anywhere you can, including borrowing them from previous students.

- IS THERE A "CORRECT VERSION" OF THE BOOK?

In some cases, yes. Please check your class information sheet to be sure. If no specific edition is required, then you can use any edition, new or used. Most teachers specify that you make sure you do not get an abridged version of a work.

- OOPS! I 'M IN HONORS, I HAVE ASSIGNMENTS, AND I LOST MY PROJECT SHEET! WHERE CAN I GET ANOTHER ONE?

Copies of the project sheets are available in the MHS office during its summer hours. Please make sure you know what class you are taking before you come to ask for your project sheet. Don't assume the office staff knows what course you are taking.

- WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD THESE BOOKS?

Please contact your child's counselor at the phone number on this brochure for more information about assistance with required summer reading.

- WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT CLASS I'M TAKING?

Please call your counselor at the general school switchboard number listed below and find out before purchasing books or getting project sheets.

- WHEN IS ALL THIS STUFF DUE?

There are different due dates for different grades. Please look at your grade for more details. AP English Lit and Comp has one assignment that must be sent via mail before then. A good recommendation is to have everything ready for the first day of school. That way, you will be sure to start the year off on the right foot.



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Meridian High School SUMMER READING ALL THE BOOKS 2012



*Reading is to the mind what
exercise is to the body.*

~ Joseph Addison

Please read carefully to locate the booklist for your upcoming English course. Make sure you take care of your reading work by the deadline indicated. If extra assignments not listed in this brochure are indicated, make sure you contact your instructor for more details.

MHS SUMMER READING 2012 — ALL THE BOOKS

Seniors

AP ENGLISH (LIT AND COMP)

ALL STUDENTS MUST READ :

- *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton

STUDENTS SHOULD CHOOSE **ONE** OF THESE:

- *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien
- *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

*See class information sheet for additional assignments
Tests and other projects will be based upon these in
the first weeks of school.*

HONORS ENGLISH IV

ALL STUDENTS MUST READ BOTH:

- *1984* by George Orwell
- *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare

See class information sheet for additional assignments

ENGLISH IV

- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

*Be prepared for a test on this novel by the end of the
first two weeks of school. This novel will be used for
class instruction.*

Juniors

HONORS ENGLISH III&ENGLISH III

READ BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

*Read The Help over the summer. Students will take a
teacher-made test the Tuesday after Labor Day.*

The Scarlet Letter will be used for class instruction.

Sophomores

HONORS ENGLISH II & EN II

SUGGESTED TITLES:

- *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Hoops* by Walter Dean Myers
- *The Color of Water* by James McBride
- *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt

*These are NOT REQUIRED but are strongly-
SUGGESTED to keep your reading skills sharp
for the upcoming year. You may take AR tests on
these for bonus test grades. Read as many as you
like.*

- *Puddinhead Wilson* by Mark Twain will be used for classroom instruction. Students may wish to preread this text during the summer as well.

Freshmen

HONORS ENGLISH I & ENGLISH I

ALL STUDENTS MUST READ BOTH:

- *Gifted Hands* by Ben Carson
- *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes

Students will be assessed on these novels.

SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL READING:

- *Beastly* by Alex Flinn
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

HOW DO I FIND MY CLASS?

PICK THE GRADE INTO WHICH YOU ARE *GOING*.
*For example, if you were a sophomore last year,
you should read the books on the junior reading
list.*

