

***NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2010
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES NINE THROUGH ELEVEN***

Students must read one (1) book over the summer and be prepared for an assessment on the book during the first two weeks of school. The assessment will be developed by the individual teacher and will be worth a **PROJECT** grade. Students *are not* required to complete a writing assignment over the summer but are encouraged to take notes on their book as they read. Please note that students enrolled in the Honors level of each grade must read a specific book listed below. Students enrolled in the College Prep or General level *must* select a book from the attached list.

ENGLISH HONORS – BOOK ASSIGNMENTS:

- English 9 Honors: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
 - English 10 Honors: *Nectar in a Sieve* by Kamala Markandaya
 - English 11 Amer Lit Honors: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
 - English 11 British Lit Honors: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
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PROGRAM OUTLINE:

- When students return in the fall, they must submit a Parent Verification form (see attached) to their English teacher *no later than Wednesday, September 8, 2010*.
- Juniors must submit their form to their literature teacher (British Lit, American Lit, or World Voices) *by September 8, whether their literature class meets in the fall or the spring*. Juniors whose literature class does not meet until the spring semester are still required to complete the reading over the summer and will be given an assessment by their English teacher when they turn in their Verification form in September. Please see any teacher in the English Department if you have questions.
- Students enrolled in the Advanced Placement Language and Composition course can obtain a reading list from the course instructor, Mr. Fabrizi.
- Parents are encouraged to read and discuss these books with their children, an activity that enhances the student's understanding of the book and promotes reading as a shared family activity.

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PARENT VERIFICATION FORM***

Student: _____ Grade level: _____

Book title: _____

Author: _____

English teacher(s) for 2010-11 school year: _____

Dear Parent:

Please sign below to attest that the above student has read the book listed. The student must submit the form to his/her English teacher no later than ***Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010***.

Thank you for your participation in the NBHS Summer Reading Program. We wish your child success in the coming school year.

Sincerely,

The North Branford High School English Department

I attest that the student above has read the book listed above.

(parent signature)

NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2010 READING LIST

FRESHMAN BOOK LIST

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

The protagonist is a shy, introspective, and intelligent boy, teetering on the edge of adulthood.

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

A coming-of-age story about a freshman girl who struggles to transition from middle school to high school.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Science fiction novel about a young boy who must save the world from an imminent alien attack.

On a Pale Horse by Piers Anthony

When Zane shoots Death, the skeletal figure that has come to claim his soul, he realizes that he must assume Death's role in the world. This is the first book in the Incarnations of Immortality series.

The Pact by Jodi Picoult

When a suicide pact between their teenage children leaves only one child dead, the parents find themselves caught up in a courtroom drama.

Whirligig by Paul Fleischmann

While traveling to each corner of the country to build a whirligig in memory of the girl whose death he caused, 16-year-old Brian finds forgiveness and atonement.

*High Heat** by Carl Deuker

Shane Hunter, whose father commits suicide after being arrested, is encouraged to try out for the baseball team by the coach. After beaming another player, Shane must learn to face his difficulties..

*Eragon** by Christopher Paolini

A young farm boy finds a mysterious stone that hatches into a sapphire-blue dragon. The boy soon discovers that his and the dragon's destinies are closely linked.

SOPHOMORE BOOK LIST

Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood

Snowman sleeps in a tree and just may be the only human left on our devastated planet. He is not entirely alone, however, considering himself the shepherd of a group of experimental, human-like creatures called the Children of Crake.

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

The themes of lasting friendship and reconciliation are addressed through the tragic story of two boys growing up in Afghanistan.

For One More Day by Mitch Albom

The story of a mother and son that explores the question, What would you do if you could spend one more day with a lost loved one?

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

Narrated by Susie Salmon, deceased. She tells the story of life on earth after her death and the attempts by her family and friends – and her killer – to deal with her departure from life.

The Client by John Grisham

A thriller about a young boy who witnesses the death of a mob lawyer. The young boy learns some information the puts his life at risk.

Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult

In nineteen minutes, the world can change. This story of a high school shooting shows how those minutes changed the life of an entire town.

*Wildwood Dancing** by Juliet Marillier

The story of five sisters who open a portal to the Other Kingdom, a place filled with fantastical creatures. Their lives become complicated as their father becomes ill and one of the sisters falls in love with one of the mysterious "Night people".

*A Crooked Kind of Perfect** by Linda Urban

Eleven-year-old Zoe is a brilliant piano player with aspirations of playing to huge audiences. Practicing on an organ rather than a piano, Zoe must deal with the quirky twists of life as she learns about herself and her unusual father.

JUNIOR BOOK LIST

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

The classic story of life in the antebellum south that depicts the horrors of slavery.

Angels and Demons by Dan Brown

The author of *The Da Vinci Code* has written an exciting, over-the-top, thriller of a detective story starring (again) Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon.

Empire Falls by Richard Russo

A tale of the blue-collar life of protagonist Miles Roby, proprietor of the local diner and the recently-divorced father of a teenage daughter.

The Killer Angels by Michael Sharra

A fictional account of the three most important days of the Civil War – the Battle of Gettysburg – which reveals more about the famous battle than any piece of learned nonfiction on the same subject.

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

National Book Award winner that chronicles a Confederate army deserter's search for home and love in the last days of the Civil War.

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards

A doctor, forced to deliver his own twins during a snowstorm in 1964, makes a decision that has far-reaching effects on his life when his infant daughter is born with Down Syndrome and he secretly sends her to an institution.

*My Sister's Bones** by Cathi Hanauer

The author paints a disturbing picture of the horrifying effects of anorexia as a young girl watches her sister struggle with the disease.

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou

An autobiographical novel of sadness, tragedy, loss of innocence, but ultimately freedom from the past.

*Denotes easier reading