

Summer Readings/Assignments for McAdory High and Middle Schools

It is the strong belief of your English faculty that a good student will read willingly and independently. An avid reader automatically creates a good writer. It is our hope that you the student will read throughout the summer you personal choices whether they be novels, magazines, comic books, etc. However, there are certain materials that you should be exposed to in a school curriculum and that includes summer reading.

The following is a list of summer readings and assignments. These are listed by grade level. If the books are available from a teacher it will be noted; if not, the book(s) must be purchased by you. If the book is to be purchased by the student, these will be available at Barnes and Nobles at Patton Creek, or Brooke's Book Stop here in McCalla on Old Tuscaloosa Highway. School begins on August 12, 2009; the assignments associated with the selections will be due as noted.

<p>12<sup>th</sup> Grade AP</p>	<p><i>Beowulf</i> translated by Seamus Heany – available from Ms. Snider</p> <p><i>Grendel</i> by John Gardner – available from Ms. Snider</p> <p><i>Beowulf</i> and <i>Grendel</i> will begin our study for the year. There will be no time for you to read them after class begins; therefore, please be prepared.</p> <p>Writing assignments and tests will follow soon after school begins</p>								
<p>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Dual Enrollment</p>	<p>Same as AP</p>								
<p>12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep</p>	<p>The fourth sequel of the <i>Twilight</i> series entitled <i>Breaking Dawn</i> by Stephanie Meyer is required. This will have to be purchased. I hope if you have not read the first three books of this series, you will. The first one <i>Twilight</i> has been made into a movie and the second <i>New Moon</i> will be coming out in November. The third sequel is <i>Eclipse</i>. I do not expect you to purchase all four works, but you must be familiar with the first three in order to understand and appreciate the last. Purchase, borrow, check out of the library, etc. in order to become familiar with this series. Test and writing assignment will follow soon after school begins.</p>								
<p>Coming into the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, you are expected to have read or at least to have been exposed to the following works since the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have not, I urge you to get familiar with them for the sake of discussion in class and the allusions that will be made to them throughout the course.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><i>Huckleberry Finn</i> by Mark Twain</td> <td style="width: 50%;"><i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Romeo and Juliet</i> by Shakespeare</td> <td><i>Julius Caesar</i> by Shakespeare</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>The Odyssey</i> by Homer</td> <td><i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding</td> <td><i>The Scarlet Letter</i> by Nathaniel Hawthorne</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Raisin in the Sun</i> by Lorraine Hansbury</p> <p>This is by no means a complete list; however, these do come up often in discussions; therefore, it is to your advantage to know them.</p> <p>General 12 Grade English</p>		<i>Huckleberry Finn</i> by Mark Twain	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i> by Shakespeare	<i>Julius Caesar</i> by Shakespeare	<i>The Odyssey</i> by Homer	<i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i> by Nathaniel Hawthorne
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<p>11<sup>th</sup> Grade AP</p> <p>The following assignments are to be completed when school begins:</p> <p><i>In Cold Blood</i>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Draw a poster recreating the murder scene.</li> <li>2) Pretend to be an interviewer for a newspaper/magazine granted an exclusive interview with one of the murderers – write the questions/answers of the interview – a thorough interview asking questions about his childhood up to the murder.</li> </ol> <p>AND</p> <p><i>In the Lake of the Woods</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Build a 3-D model of the Cabin in the Woods</li> <li>2) Write two newspaper articles that were responsible for ruining Wade’s campaign.</li> </ol>	<p><i>In Cold Blood</i> by Truman Capote  <i>In the Lake of the Woods</i> by Tim O’Brien</p>
<p>11<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep and General</p> <p>The following assignment is to be completed when school begins: Choose one.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Draw a picture or create a model of one of the following characters in vampire form: Edward, Emmett, Alice, Jasper, Rosalie.</li> <li>2) Create a 3-D model of Forks, Washington.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Eclipse</i> by Stephanie Meyers</p>

<p>10<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre AP</p>	<p><i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> by Dumas (abridged edition)  <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i> by Ernest Gaines</p>
<p>10<sup>th</sup> Grade General</p> <p>A test will be given on novels for both Pre-AP and general classes at the beginning of the school year.</p>	<p><i>New Moon</i> by Stephanie Meyer</p>

<p>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre AP</p> <p>A test will be given at the end of August covering the novels. Also, an essay will be assigned the first week of school.</p>	<p><i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> by Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain). Copies are available thru Ms. Stultz – first come first serve.  <i>Twilight</i> by Stephanie Meyer</p>
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9 <sup>th</sup> Grade General	<i>Twilight</i> by Stephanie Meyer
A test will be given at the end of August covering this novel.	

McAdory Middle School Language Arts Department

Parents: To help prepare middle school students for the next grade, the Language teachers have prepared a list of books we would like each student to read. The following are the assigned reading for all middle school students. Pre AP students should read BOTH books for their given grade level.

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pre AP	<i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel and <i>The Pigman</i> by Paul Zindel
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Non Pre AP	<i>The Pigman</i> by Paul Zindel
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pre AP	<i>Max the Mighty</i> by Rodman Philbrick and <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Non Pre AP	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pre AP	<i>Kneeknock Rise</i> by Natalie Babbitt and <i>The Tiger Rising</i> by Kate Di Camillo
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Non Pre AP	<i>The Tiger Rising</i> by Kate Di Camillo