

# Attleboro High School

## English Department

### Summer Reading List for the 2009—2010 Academic Year

#### **Philosophy**

We believe that reading can be a pleasurable experience for all students, and that it is a skill that can and must be developed through practice. As such, we value summer reading as a vehicle to exercise young minds, to increase literacy, and to cultivate a love of reading.

#### **Purpose**

The primary goal of summer reading is to maintain essential skills and to motivate students to read books that are both challenging and appealing. For students in Honors and AP courses, summer reading has the additional purpose of supplementing the curriculum.

#### **Assessment**

On the first Friday of the academic year, a summer reading test will be taken by all students, regardless of which English class they are taking or which semester they are scheduled to take it. This assessment, an essay test, will be used to hold students accountable for meeting the summer reading requirements and to give teachers a baseline writing sample that will enable them to gauge students' incoming skill level.

#### **Obtaining Books**

Before leaving for summer vacation, students will know which English class they are entering in September or January and should consult the appropriate section of the reading list. Students are encouraged to buy their own books. Underlining, highlighting, and annotating personally owned books is also recommended. Several area bookstores have our reading list and will have books available. Students may also borrow books from the Attleboro Public Library.

#### **Notice to Guardians**

Although the books on this list are appropriate for high school students, both students and guardians should be aware that some books contain adult topics with adult language and/or controversial material. Different students and families have different perspectives on what is most appropriate for a student's best choice so please review these books carefully before deciding which ones are most appropriate for your child.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

### ENGLISH I COLLEGE PREP LEVEL AND HUMANITIES COLLEGE PREP LEVEL

Read two of the following:

Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian*

Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game*

Christie, Agatha. *And Then There Were None*

Meyers, Walter Dean. *Monster*

Newton Fusco, Kimberly. *Tending to Grace*

Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Bean Trees*

Trueman, Terry. *Stuck in Neutral*

### ENGLISH I AND HUMANITIES HONORS

Read one of the following:

Dickens, Charles. *Oliver Twist*

Keneally, Thomas. *Schindler's List*

Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Bean Trees*

Remarque, E. M. *All Quiet on the Western Front*

Ung, Loung. *First They Killed My Father*

Read one of the following:

Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian*

London, Jack. *Call of the Wild*

Hersey, John. *Hiroshima*

Weisel, Elie. *Night*

Yolen, Jane. *Briar Rose*

### REQUIRED READING FOR ENGLISH I HONORS

Homer. *Iliad* Note: Either a verse or prose version is acceptable.

### REQUIRED READING FOR HUMANITIES HONORS

Hugo, Victor. *Les Miserables* Note: The abridged version translated by Charles E. Wilbour is recommended.

Freshman honors students will read a total of three books. The one required book for their course and one book from each of the two above groups.