

English 9

Suggested Summer Reading (and Extra Credit Opportunity)

While there is no required Summer Reading assignment, the following works are recommended for summer enrichment. Parents and students are invited to review the following titles to decide what might be appropriate (and interesting) for each individual. Students also have the option to complete an assignment for extra credit points.

- Alcott, Louisa May — *Little Women*
- Bradbury, Ray — *The Martian Chronicles*
- Cisneros, Sandra — *The House on Mango Street*
- Dickens, Charles — *Oliver Twist*
- Doyle, Arthur Conan — *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
- Martel, Yann—*Life of Pi*
- Schlosser, Eric—*Fast Food Nation* (Nonfiction)
- Shetterly, Margot Lee —*Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* (Nonfiction)
- Tan, Amy—*The Joy Luck Club*
- Tolkien, J.R.R — *The Fellowship of the Ring*
- Yousafzai, Malala—*I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World* (Nonfiction)

Extra Credit

Students have the option to complete a reading journal for extra credit, due on the first day of school. Students who complete the assignment will receive a certificate which lists the total extra credit points earned (which students may apply to the grading quarter of their choice).

The reading journal will be informal in style, with the purpose of ACTIVE READING and writing to learn and understand. Active Reading is achieved through a process of interpretation and reflection, and rather than plot summary, your reading journal should ask questions, share opinions, and discuss literary techniques like characterization, mood, and theme. Reading journals allow readers to construct meaning from the text, to personalize what they read, and to write down the insights

gained from the reading. You should question, make personal connections, make predictions, and analyze the novel in your journal, but do not simply summarize the plot.

Format:

Your journal entries may be either handwritten (print, not cursive) or typed (12 point Times New Roman font, double spaced, 1 inch margins). There is no set requirement for length of each individual entry (some reading sessions may be very short and therefore result in only a few sentences of reflection, while others may be very long and result in several paragraphs) but the completed journal should cover the entire scope of the book and should be a minimum of **three** full pages in total. The total amount of Extra Credit points earned will be determined by both quantity and quality:

3 page journals will earn UP TO 15 points Extra Credit

4 page journals will earn UP TO 20 points Extra Credit

5+ page journals will earn UP TO 25 points Extra Credit

Each individual entry must be labeled as follows: **Date of entry, Page numbers covered by the entry**

Format example:

July 6, Pages 1-15

My first impression of the novel is...

July 8, Pages 16-25

I wonder why the narrator is never given a specific name? Could that be symbolic in some way? Maybe the author wants the reader to...