

Hampton Bays High School
Summer Reading Assignment
9th Grade

Dear Students:

Happy Summer Break! Congratulations on making it into 9th Grade English!

Did you know that students who read over the summer greatly increase their chances of performing well in school and also on important exams such as Regents and SAT tests? Studies have proven that the more students read, the better they do in every single subject area.

That being the case, here is your assignment for summer break. Choose ANY one book that you are interested in. We have attached a list of suggested books in case you have no idea what type of book to choose. The list contains a wide variety of topics and themes to choose from. Try and choose a book that seems as if it will be enjoyable for you. The list contains many books that have either won Young Adult Literature Awards, or are part of National lists of teen favorites. If your parents would like to, they can get involved in the selection process so both you and they will feel comfortable with the book that you are reading. Please feel free to use the public library, book stores, or the internet to obtain a copy of the book selected. Once again, this is a totally OPEN CHOICE summer reading assignment. The list attached is just a few suggestions, not required reading. If you know of another book you would like to read choose that one instead.

Along with reading the book, please complete the literature log. You will find a link to the literature log on the summer reading page of the web site. You will fill out sections dealing with the characters, themes, and plot of the novel you select. Please complete this log as a GOOGLE DOCUMENT and have it completed by the time you get to school in September. You will be assessed on how well you completed your summer reading when you come back in the fall.

Have a great time reading!! We are looking forward to finding out how you enjoyed your book in September!!

Sincerely,

The Hampton Bays English Department

Summer Reading Choices

600-700 Lexile

- *Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Shooter* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Right Behind You* by Gail Giles
- *The Host* by Stephanie Meyer
- *Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi
- *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz
- *Point Blank* by Anthony Horowitz

700-800 Lexile

- *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *Sunrise over Fallajuah* by Walter Dean Meyers
- *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini

800-900 Lexile

- *Paper Towns* by John Green
- *Deadline* by Chris Cutcher
- *Down These Mean Streets* by Thomas Piri
- *Sphinx Princess* by Esther Friesner

900 and above

- *Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher
- *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
- *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You* by Ally Carter

Summer Reading Literature Log

Title of book: _____ Author: _____

1. Describe the Point of View of the novel. Who is telling the story? Why do you think the author chose this type of narration for this type of story?

2. Analyze the characters. Begin with the Protagonist and Antagonist and then describe the minor characters. For each character, explain what their personality traits are, using evidence from the story to support your answers.

Protagonist -

Antagonist -

Minor Characters -

3. Which character did you relate the most to in the story? Explain your answer using specific details.

4. List a brief plot summary of the novel you selected.

5. What do you think one of the major themes of this novel is? Remember, a theme is a central idea that the author wants readers to understand by the time they are finished reading. Discuss one theme of the novel using specific passages in your discussion.

6. Personal Response. Discuss your overall opinion of this novel. Did you enjoy it? What did you like about it? Would you read more books by the same author, or on the same theme? Explain your response with details.
