

Hampton Bays High School  
Summer Reading Assignment  
9<sup>th</sup> 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 one book from the attached list. 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.

Along with reading the book, please complete the attached literature log. You will fill out sections dealing with the characters, themes, and plot of the novel you select. Please complete this log and bring it in on the first day of school. 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?

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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 -

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Antagonist –

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Minor Characters –

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

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

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