

Bourne High School English Department Summer Reading List 2011-2012

FRESHMEN

Black Like Me John Howard Griffin
The Secret Life of Bees Sue Monk Kidd
My Sister's Keeper Jodi Picoult
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn Betty Smith
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas John Boyne

SOPHOMORES

Speak Laurie Halse Anderson
We All Fall Down Robert Cormier
Whale Talk Chris Crutcher
The Year We Disappeared Cylin and John Busby
Nothing But The Truth Avi

JUNIORS

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Mark Haddon
The Book Thief Markus Zusak
Into the Wild Jon Krakauer
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain
Snow in August Pete Hamill

SENIORS

The Devil in the White City Eric Larson
The Handmaid's Tale Margaret Atwood
My Losing Season Pat Conroy
Heart of Darkness Joseph Conrad
A Thousand Splendid Suns Khaled Hosseini

ADVANCED PLACEMENT LITERATURE

Heart of Darkness Joseph Conrad
The Kite Runner Khaled Hosseini
The Poisonwood Bible Barbara Kingsolver
The Book of Genesis
selected poems (compiled by Ms. Casey)

Summer Reading Requirements:

All students are required to select from the list according to the grade level that they will be entering in the fall of 2011. Honors students will be required to read two books from the list. All other students will be required to read one from the list. Students will be assessed on their understanding of the required reading beginning the first day of class. The individual teacher will determine the kind of assessment. Students are strongly encouraged – but not required – to keep a reading log. Those students who complete a log may turn it in to their teacher for extra credit. The reading log, which may consist of selected quotations as well as notes on characters and plot details, should also include detailed responses to the essential questions (see *List of Summer Reading 2011-2012 Essential Questions*) for the titles they choose to read. The reading log and the essential questions will serve to refresh students' memories when they are asked to complete the assessment for summer reading. Students are also encouraged to have their books with them at the start of the school year as this will facilitate the recall of details for certain assessments.

AP Literature students are required to see Ms. Casey prior to the close of the 2011-2012 school year in order to receive their mandatory summer assignments.