

Summer Reading 2008 Honors Ninth Grade English

Dear Students of 2008-2009 Honors Ninth Grade English:

In addition to taking a well-deserved rest, I hope that you find time this summer to continue to expand the breadth and depth of your reading. Each student in English 9 Honors is required to read five books over the summer:

One book is required (John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*) and it will serve as the starting point of the course's first thematic unit ("Friendship and Dreams").

Two books must be selected from the list of recommended titles given below (many of these reflect the course's emphasis on international literature and its connection to the ninth grade World History curriculum.

The final two selections are free choices, but you are welcome to consult me during the next few days as classes and final examinations wrap up or over the summer (bweaver@lenoxps.org).

Thank you and I look forward to a great year,
Ben Weaver

Required

Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck

Recommended (pick two from this list)

The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison
The Chosen, Chaim Potok
Chronicle of a Death Foretold, Gabriel García Márquez
Cry, the Beloved Country, Alan Paton
In the Time of the Butterflies, Julia Alvarez
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini
Life of Pi, Yann Martel
My Sister's Keeper, Jodi Picoult
The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Stephen Chbosky
Shoeless Joe, W.P. Kinsella

Free Choice

You are free to select the final two books on your own, but don't hesitate to consult me (bweaver@lenoxps.org) or other English, Humanities, and/or Library faculty.