

Honors American Literature & Composition  
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Summer Reading Assignments

**\*All assignments are to be completed and printed for class on August 24, 2018.**

**Choice Book Selection**

Select an age appropriate/grade level book of literary merit. Be sure it is book you have not read before and is not on the list below. E-mail Mrs. Cunningham to have your book selection approved before August 20, 2018.

- Once you have read your book, you will write an essay defending or refuting one of the statements below; support your stance using specific references from your "choice book" as well as from your own experience. You should not conduct any additional research, as this is an original essay.
- Do not simply summarize the book.
- APA format (Title page, in-text citations, works cited, etc.); 2+ pages in length.
- Printed for class on August 24, 2018.

Statements:

- "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." Harper Lee
- "Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."  
Emerson
- "Authority without wisdom is like a heavy axe without an edge, fitter to bruise than polish."  
Bradstreet
- "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul - and sings the tunes without the words - and never stops at all." Dickinson
- "Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents, which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant." Horace

**Fahrenheit 451**

In the 1950's Ray Bradbury had unique insight into the future while writing *Fahrenheit 451*. Things have drastically changed since that time. Keeping this in mind, create a chart that clearly compares Bradbury's world within the novel to today's world. On one side should be the inventions/ideas from *Fahrenheit 451* and on the opposite side should be today's correlating ideas/inventions. This chart should contain a minimum of 10 ideas/inventions on each side. Next, type a two+ page, double- spaced essay comparing Bradbury's insight with the world today.

- All of this should be in APA format and printed for class on August 24, 2018.
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## Summer Reading: Books off Limits by Grade Level

DO NOT READ BOOKS LISTED FOR YOUR GRADE LEVEL OR THE GRADES ABOVE YOUR GRADE LEVEL

### GRADE 9

TKAM  
A John Green novel or two  
Of Mice and Men  
Anthem  
Anne of Green Gables  
Malala  
Anne Frank  
October Sky  
When I Was Puerto Rican Santiago, Esmeralda  
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn  
Lord of the Flies  
Romeo + Juliet  
Night  
Of Mice and Men

### GRADE 10

Night  
Animal Farm  
Alchemist  
Life of Pi  
The Pearl  
Some genre "greats" - Sci Fi, Fantasy  
Maus I, Maus II  
The Book Thief  
Ender's Game  
Purple Hibiscus  
A Tale of Two Cities  
Things Fall Apart  
Othello  
Watership Down  
Boy Who Harnessed the Wind  
Persepolis  
The Hobbit  
Treasure Island  
Oedipus  
A Long Way Gone

### GRADE 11

Tom Sawyer  
The Awakening  
Catcher in the Rye  
A Separate Peace  
Santiago: When I Was Puerto Rican  
The Help  
Oh Pioneers!  
Secret Life of Bees  
Gatsby  
Hamlet  
Scarlet Letter  
Fahrenheit 451  
Ethan Fromm

### GRADE 12

The Bell Jar  
Kite Runner  
The Guernsey Literary ...  
The Bean Trees - Kingsolver  
Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitmann  
Their Eyes Were Watching God  
A Farewell to Arms  
The Old Man and the Sea  
A Lesson Before Dying  
As I Lay Dying  
Reading Lolita in Tehran  
Their Eyes were Watching God  
A Raisin in the Sun  
Macbeth  
Wuthering Heights  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn  
The Grapes of Wrath  
Song of Solomon