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## 2017 Grades 9-12 Summer Reading Program

Dear Parents and Students,

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy reading! This summer, we are providing incoming 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders with a list of suggested books. Please look over the titles, authors, pictures, and summaries to select a few that interest you. If you would rather choose your own titles, we encourage you to do that! After all, life is too short to read a book you don't like!

### Goals for Summer Reading

Personal	Academic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Foster a love of reading</li> <li>-Advance literacy by engaging in reading activities</li> <li>-Increase reading through self-selected, voluntary reading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Enhance a sense of community</li> <li>-Provide a common reading experience</li> <li>-Stimulate discussion and critical thinking</li> </ul>

### Reflect on Yourself as a Reader

<p><b>How do I best demonstrate that I comprehend the text?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-I reread parts of the book.</li> <li>-I make predictions.</li> <li>-I ask questions.</li> <li>-I make connections.</li> <li>-I summarize parts of the book.</li> </ul>	<p><b>When and where do I best concentrate on reading?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-In the morning</li> <li>-Before going to sleep</li> <li>-At my desk</li> <li>-On my bed</li> <li>-Lying on the floor</li> </ul>
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### Back-to-School Activity

**Upon your return to school, be prepared to discuss, analyze, and share what you have read with your class. You may have to write about, be a part a book celebration, or create a book video etc in the beginning of the school year.**

As you read, think about: *How does the character's personality evolve or change over time? How are themes developed? What are important events that contribute to the plot?* It is recommended that you jot notes or keep a reading journal. If the book is yours we suggest that you to highlight, annotate, or use sticky notes to emphasize important or interesting parts.

#### Parent Tips to Encourage Reading

1. Set a schedule for reading. Make it the same time every day.
2. Read with your child and model good reading habits.
3. Talk about your child's book. Ask him/her questions about it!
4. Celebrate reading with rewards!
5. Remember that if your child reads 4-5 books this summer, they will maintain their skill level and grow as readers, which will help them perform better in all subjects.