

Welcome to your SUMMER READING AND WRITING PROJECT! (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade)

For this project:

1. Choose one book from the list below to read over the summer. For those who want a challenge, choose a book from list 1. You can also do the project on two chosen books, if you really want to challenge yourself and receive bonus credit!

2. As you read, keep a reading journal of at least two dated entries of one page each.

One of these entries should be written while you are well into the book, perhaps halfway through, and the other at the end of the book. In the entry, try to write less about what's happening in the story and more about what your response is, or what has stood out to you about your reading experience. Think particularly of what the writer has done to try to get the reader involved in the book/story. Try to write these entries fully because they will help you write about your reading when you return to school in the fall. The Summer Project is due on the first day of class.

NOTE: Students joining the class from a foreign country may read the books in their native language, but must write the journal entries in English. Returning students should read their chosen books in English.

### 3. SUMMER WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Be aware of any experience you have over the summer around nature and write a non-fiction account of that experience including vivid description and details. Your essay should be creatively presented, but factual. This exercise is to show your formal writing abilities, so the piece should be a 1 – 2 pages, typed, double-spaced essay with careful paragraph organization and a title!

## **ENGLISH BOOK LIST (2019)**

### **List 1**

Cather, Willa. O, Pioneers.

Frank, Anne. Diary of a Young Girl.

Kesey, Ken. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Lewis, Sinclair. Babbit

McCullers, Carson. The Heart is a Lonely Hunter.

Miller, Arthur. Death of a Salesman. [play]

Salinger, J.D. Catcher in the Rye

Twain, Mark. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. [mature language]

### **List 2**

Adichie, Chimimanda. Purple Hibiscus

Alvarez, Julia. How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. The Impossible Knife of Memory

Ardalan, David. My Name is Iran

Bechdel, Alison. Fun Home. [graphic novel] [mature content]

Bennet, Alan. History Boys. [play]

Bradley, Marian Zimmer. The Mists of Avalon.

Brindel, June. Ariadne.

Phaedra.

Cather, Willa. Death Comes to the Archbishop

Capote, Truman. Other Voices, Other Rooms.

Carson, Rachel. Silent Spring, or The Sea Around Us.

Chatwin, Bruce. On the Black Hill.

Dumas, Firoozeh. Funny in Farsi

Ehrenreich, Barbara. Nickel and Dimed: On Not Getting by in America.

Ellison, Harlan. Stranger in a Strange Land.

Enger, Leif. Peace Like a River.

Gibson, William. The Morning After the Miracle. [play; sequel to *The Miracle Worker*]

Gunther, John. Death Be Not Proud

Hemingway, Ernest. A Farewell to Arms.

Across the River and Into the Trees.

Hamilton, Edith. Mythology.

Harkness, Deborah. A Discovery of Witches

Heyerdahl, Thor. The Tigris Expedition.

Hoffman, Alice. Practical Magic

Turtle Moon.

Hosseini, Khaled. The Kite Runner.

Howe, Katherine. The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane.

Inge, William. Bus Stop. [play]

Jones, Ron. Acorn People.

Kay, Guy Gavriel. [trilogy] The Summer Tree.

The Wandering Fire.

The Darkest Road.

Kayson, Susanna. Girl, Interrupted.

King, Laurie. The Beekeeper's Apprentice

Knowles, John . A Separate Peace.

Lewis, Sinclair. Main Street.

McBride, James. The Color of Water.

McCourt, Frank. Angela's Ashes

McCullers, Carson. Member of the Wedding. [play]

Ballad of the Sad Café.

Mason, Zachary. The Lost Books of the Odyssey

Mathabane, Mark. Kaffir Boy: The True Story of Black Youth's Coming of Age in South Africa

Maurier, Daphne du. Rebecca.

Miller, Arthur. The Crucible. [play]

Miller, Madeline. The Song of Achilles.

Circe.

Muir, John. The Mountains of California

Norris, Bruce. Clyborne Park. [play; "sequel" to *A Raisin in the Sun*]

Okarafor, Nnedi. Akata Witch

Potok, Chaim. The Chosen.

Ratushinskaya, Irina. Grey Is the Color of Hope.

Resau, Laura. The Queen of Water

Riordan, Rick. Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.

Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters

Skloot, Rebecca. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.

Smith, Dodie. I Capture the Castle

Stewart, Mary. [trilogy] The Crystal Cave.

The Hollow Hills.

The Last Enchantment.

Terkel, Studs. Working

Twain, Mark. Life on the Mississippi.

The Diaries of Adam and Eve.

Warren, Robert Penn. All the King's Men.

Walker, Alice. The Color Purple.

Waters, Sarah. Fingersmith [mature content]

Welles, Lee. Way of Water.

White, T.H. The Once and Future King.

Winterson, Jeanette. Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit [mature content]

Williams, Tennessee. The Glass Menagerie. [play]

A Streetcar Named Desire. [play]

Wilson, August. Fences. [play]

Wilson, G. Willow. Butterfly Mosque

Alif the Unseen

Wodehouse, P.G. Hot Water

Wood, Michael Legacy: A Search for the Origins of Civilization

Yang, Gene Luen. American Born Chinese. [graphic novel]