



2008-2009 Summer Reading List Entering Grades 10, 11 and 12

World Literature

Students Entering Grade 10:

The Alchemist, by Paulo Coelho

Honors students will read The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri in addition to The Alchemist.

Non-honors students will choose one from the list below in addition to The Alchemist.

The Natural, by Bernard Malamud

Girl with the Pearl Earring, by Tracy Chevalier

Monkeys, by Susan Minot

ASSIGNMENT: Keep a double entry journal* for the required reading(s) and the work of your choice (approximately 10 entries per text).

Students Entering Grade 11

Required: Kite Runner, by Khaled Hosseini

Honors students will read The Poisonwood Bible, by Barbara Kingsolver in addition to Kite Runner.

Non-honors students will choose one from the list below in addition to Kite Runner.

The Color of Water, by James McBride

White Teeth, by Zadie Smith

Son of the Revolution, by Liang Heng

Thura's Diary, by Thura Al-Windavi

ASSIGNMENT: Keep a double entry journal* for the required reading(s) and the work of your choice (approximately 10 entries per text).

Students Entering Grade 12:

Required: Siddhartha, by Herman Hesse

Honors students will read Into the Wild, by Jon Krakauer in addition to Siddhartha.

Non-honors students will choose one from the list below in addition to Siddhartha:

This Boy's Life, by Tobias Wolfe

Blink, by Malcolm Gladwell

Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson

Mountains Beyond Mountains, by Tracy Kidder

ASSIGNMENT: Keep a journal for the required reading(s) and the work of your choice. Entries are framed by commentary, personal analysis, and inquiry. Your journal does not need to address every chapter, and is not a series of summaries. The journal should be thoughtful, reflective, and insightful.

CGS Social Studies Class (for those students new to the CGS 2008-2009):

Chinese Social Studies: Red Scarf Girl by Ji-li Jiang. A memoir of the Cultural Revolution in China.

Japanese Social Studies: Hiroshima by John Hershey. The survivors tell the story of the first atomic bomb and its effects.

Middle East Social Studies: Habibi by Naomi Shihab Nye. A young Arab-American girl returns to Palestine and discovers her heritage and issues of conflict.

ASSIGNMENT: Examine four or five events that you found interesting from different parts of the book. Write a response explaining your feelings and reactions to the issues you have chosen. Include your questions about the issues and your interest in learning more. I am not looking for a summary of the parts of the book you have chosen, I want to hear your voice and your thoughts on the issues portrayed.

*See Instructions for Double Entry on Separate Sheet.

Please be sure you have checked the BMHS website for your BMHS classes that may have summer assignments.