

Assignment

There are four things you must do in order to successfully complete this summer reading assignment:

1. Read through the novel synopses included in the brochure and choose one book(grades 7-10) or two books (grades 11 and 12) that interest you. Then go to the public library and borrow the books, or visit a book store and purchase them. If you bring your PRSD ID to Atlantic Books in Manahawkin, they will give you a 20% discount on the purchase of your summer reading books.
2. As you read through the book(s), keep the guiding questions in mind and take notes on your reading.
3. Do your best on the in-class objective test your teacher will administer during one of the first few days of school.
4. Your teacher will give you a project to reflect your summer reading during the first few days of school. DO your best to follow your teacher's guidelines, and create a quality project.

Guiding Questions

- What is the setting of the novel? (Remember, setting is the time and place in which the story occurs)
- Who are the main Characters? How are they described? (Keep in mind that Characterization includes not only direct description of a character's physical appearance and personality. Characterization also depends on what the character says, does, how he/she acts, what he/she says, and how other characters regard him/her.)
- What are the themes of the story? (A theme is defined as the main point or central focus of a story.)
- What is the plot?
- What is the conflict, climax, and resolution?

ENGLISH 12

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Your Summer Reading choices

The novels you may select for summer reading are as follows. Brief synopses of each novel are included in an effort to help you choose a work that is of interest to you. If you have any questions about these novels, please consult one of the 12th grade teachers.

Beanball

Gene Fehler
Fiction

Three sport star Luke "Wizard" Wallace gets hit in the face with a fast ball and lands in the hospital in critical condition. His story is told in free verse from a variety of point of view: parents, friends, teachers, coaches, fans, and even the boy who threw the ball.

Into Thin Air

Jon Krakauer
Non-Fiction

A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster is a non-fiction book written by Jon Krakauer. It details the author's expedition up Mount Everest on May 10, 1996, which turned catastrophic when eight climbers were killed on one day by a 'rogue storm'.

Go Ask Alice

Anonymous
Diary

The book is the actual diary of an anonymous teenage girl who died of a drug overdose in the late 1960s and is therefore presented as a testimony against drug use.

Rats Saw God

Rob Thomas
Humor/Fiction

High school senior Steve York is a Merit scholar and stoner. When he is one English credit short of graduating, he accepts an offer to write a 100 page essay. He tells of his sophomore and junior years and we learn why he turns to drugs.

The Fortunes of Indigo Skye

Deb Caletti
Fiction

18 year old, Indigo Skye gets a 2.5 million dollar tip and her life changes. But will she get her heart's desire?

Artemis Fowl: The Time Paradox

Eoin Colfer
Fiction

Artemis' mother is dying of a disease the fairy world thought was eradicated. He needs the brain fluid of an extinct monkey to save her. He enlists the help of his friends to travel back in time to save the monkey..from his ten-year old self.



The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya

Nagaru Tanigawa

Haruhi Suzumia is a high-school student who is bored by normal humans. She wants something supernatural to happen, so she starts a club with a boy named Kyon. Little does she know that everyone that signs up from her club is either a Time Traveler, Alien, or Esper.

Leviathan

Scott Westerfeld

The prince of Austria-Hungary is on the run, his parents murdered. Deryn Sharp is a girl who pretends to be a boy to live out her dream. One chooses to go on an adventure; the other is forced into it. The pair are on opposite sides but must work together to escape from German Troops.

City of fire

Laurence Yep

Twelve-year-old Scirye vows to avenge her sister's death and reclaim a stolen treasure for her people by taking on the villainous dragon Badik and the strange Dr. Roland. She and her companions travel to a Hawaiian Island created by magic, where a goddess helps them in their quest to stop Dr. Roland from achieving a great power.

Postcards From No Man's Land

Aidan Chambers
Historical Fiction

Seventeen is an age of self discovery, and Jacob has gone to Amsterdam to explore his life. His quest strangely parallels discoveries about his grandfather's life there during World War I.

