

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 9

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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 9th grade teachers.

Heaven

Angela Johnson
Parent/Child

Fourteen-year old Marley's seemingly perfect life in the small town of Heaven is disrupted when she discovered that her father and mother are not her real parents.

Acceleration

Graham McNamee
Suspense

Duncan, Vinny, and Wayne are all friends working - or wasting time - the summer before senior year in high school. Duncan is the soul, Vinny the brains, and Wayne the muscle. At the end of the previous summer, Duncan tried to save a drowning girl and failed. Not being a hero has really affected his life, particularly his relationship with his girlfriend Kim. Also, he is now terrified of swimming, especially when the nightmares come back.

Jars of Glass

Brad Barkley
Fiction

Told in alternating viewpoints of two sisters whose mother is in a mental hospital, this story shows each girl struggling to find her own identity.

Shiver

Maggie Stiefvater

Ever since being saved by a wolf as a child, Grace has been fascinated with the wolves around her Minnesota home. But the wolves are becoming restless and need Grace's help to save them. One of the wolves takes human form and falls in love with Grace - but as the weather grows colder, he'll turn back into a wolf, likely forever. Soon, he must make a life or death decision to stay with the one he loves.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

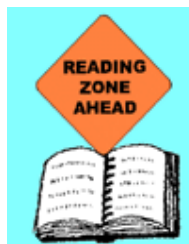
Stephen Chbosky
Fiction/Diversity

Standing on the fringes of life offers a unique perspective, but there comes a time to see what it looks like from the dance floor. This is the story of what it's like to grow up in high school, where Charlie is caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it --- setting him on a strange course through uncharted territory.

My Sister's Keeper

Jodi Picoult
Fiction

Jodi Picoult is widely acclaimed for her keen insights into the hearts and minds of real people. In MY SISTER'S KEEPER, she tells the emotionally riveting story of a family torn apart by conflicting needs and a passionate love that triumphs over human weakness.



Rewind

William Sleater
Sci Fi Fantasy

Peter is killed in a car accident, but wait, he is miraculously granted three more chances to get it right before he dies permanently. Simple enough, thinks Peter, I just won't run off in front of the car. Unfortunately for Peter, he finds that he has to change the events that lead up to his accident before he can avoid the accident itself. Will he be able to figure it out in time?

The Three Musketeers

Dumas, Alexandre
Fiction/Adventure

Young D'Artagnan comes to Paris in 1625 to join the famous soldiers, the Musketeers. At once, he duels with three men and becomes their best friend for many adventures.

Geektastic: Stories from the nerd Herd

Edited by Holly Black and Cecil Castellucci

Anyone who has ever been labeled or proclaimed themselves to be "geeks" will fall to the floor laughing and fall in love with the many different short stories and illustrations by some of the top young adult authors.

Primavera

Mary Jane Beaufrand
Historical Fiction

During the Italian Renaissance, two powerful, the Medici and the Pazzi, both wanted power and wealth. Flora, the youngest daughter of the Pazzi, gets caught up in a fight. Intrigue, romance, and violence are strewn through this novel.

