



## Welcome to the "Minuteman Reads" Summer Reading Program!

Minuteman High School actively supports the growth of reading skills that allow students to succeed academically and vocationally, as well as recognize the lifelong value of reading as a source of information, communication, and entertainment. To this end, all incoming and enrolled Minuteman students are expected to participate in the "Minuteman Reads" Summer Reading Program.

At the heart of the "Minuteman Reads" program is an investment in the value of student choice. Students may choose from a 50+ page list of high interest titles representing a variety of genres and Lexile levels, or any non-movie choice book that has a Renaissance Accelerated Reader test. Some titles may be borrowed from the English Dept., from the school library, and/or local libraries. Students enrolled in Honors and/or Dual Enrollment classes have additional reading requirements.

### Grading

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will take computer-based tests on their selected summer reading books. Summer reading assessments will count as 15% of each student's Term 1 English grade. We realize that questions on standardized testing can sometimes be tricky. With that in mind, in the "Minuteman Reads" program, students scoring a 70% or better on the computer-based tests will earn a 100% for their summer reading grades - that's right, 100%. Students scoring below 70% will earn the actual test grade for their summer reading grade.

Tests will be administered in English classes the first week of school. In addition, two optional summer reading testing days have been set aside for those wishing to take tests earlier: Thursday, July 18th & Thursday August 1st (8 a.m. till noon). Students taking tests in the summer may retake tests in the fall for a higher grade. We strongly recommend that students complete the Fiction and/or Non-Fiction Notes Sheets, as **these may be used during the testing.** Reminder: Tests will be administered in the fall for those not taking tests in the summer.

### Minuteman Reads Summer Reading List 2024/Renaissance Accelerated Reader Book Finder

One link below takes you to the 50+ page "Minuteman Reads" Summer Reading List. The list is broken down by books that can be borrowed from the English Dept., along with recent **MASSACHUSETTS TEEN CHOICE BOOK AWARD NOMINEES** and by genre, including titles, author names, Lexile, and a synopsis from Amazon.com.

Can't find a book you want to read on the list? Find a title you want to read and check to see if there's a test on **Renaissance's Accelerated Reader Book Finder** (see link below) – **make sure to avoid books made into movies**, as movie titles are **not eligible for summer reading** and will not be

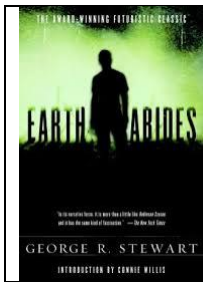
available on test days. When searching with the Book Finder, look for the following: “AR Quiz Types: RP.” The code “RP” means the book has the appropriate test for summer reading. In addition, students are only allowed to read books with the following designations: “UG” for Upper Grade and “MG+” for Middle Grade Plus. It’s important for students to understand that they may NOT read books below these reading levels: “MG” or “LG” books will NOT count for summer reading.

[Minuteman Reads Summer Reading List 2024](#)  
[Renaissance Accelerated Reader Book Finder](#)

### Grade 10

**Reading requirement for all sophomores:** Read any book on the Minuteman Reads Summer Reading List 2024 or any book with a test on Renaissance Accelerated Reader Book Finder – see instructions/restrictions above. More books may be read off the list for extra credit.

**Reading requirement for sophomores enrolled in Honors:** In addition to the above, students enrolled in Honors must read the following title:



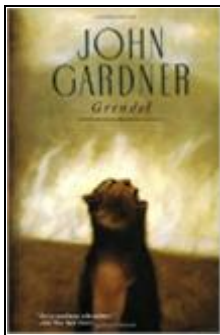
Read *Earth Abides*, by George R. Stewart.

Tests will be given on both books. More books may be read off of the list for extra credit. Loaner copies of *Earth Abides* will be provided by the English Department.

### Grade 11

**Reading requirement for all Juniors:** Read any book on the Minuteman Reads Summer Reading List 2024 or any book with a test on Renaissance Accelerated Reader Book Finder – see instructions/restrictions above. More books may be read off the list for extra credit.


**Reading requirement for Juniors enrolled in Honors English Comp. 11:** In addition to the above, students enrolled in Honors English Comp. 11 must read the following title:



*Grendel* by John Gardner.

Tests will be given on both books. More books may be read off of the list for extra credit. Loaner copies of *Grendel* will be provided by the English Department.

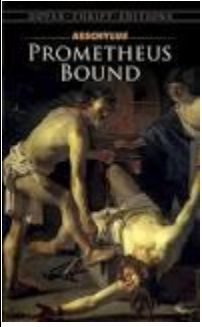
**Reading requirement for Juniors enrolled in Dual Enrollment, English Composition I:** In addition to reading a book on the Minuteman Reads Summer Reading List 2024, and reading *Grendel*, students enrolled in English Composition I must also complete the following:

	<p>Select, read, and take notes on one winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction from the last five years:</p> <p>The list can be found <a href="#">here</a></p> <p><b>OBJ:</b> An assessment on your chosen book will be given the first week of class.</p>
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## Grade 12

**Reading requirement for all seniors:** Read any book on the Minuteman Reads Summer Reading List 2024 or any book with a test on Renaissance Accelerated Reader Book Finder – see instructions/restrictions above. More books may be read off the list for extra credit.

**Reading requirement for seniors enrolled in Honors Dramatic Literature:** In addition to reading a book on Minuteman Reads Summer Reading List 2024, students enrolled in Honors Dramatic Literature must read the following titles:

	<p><b><i>Prometheus Bound</i></b> by Joseph Fisher; a copy of this title was provided at the end of the school year. Email Mr. Donovan at <a href="mailto:gdonovan@minuteman.org">gdonovan@minuteman.org</a> if you did not receive yours.</p> <p><b><i>“A Story of Prometheus;”</i></b> a copy of this title was provided at the end of the school year. Email Mr. Donovan at <a href="mailto:gdonovan@minuteman.org">gdonovan@minuteman.org</a> if you did not receive yours.</p>
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**Reading requirement for seniors enrolled in Dual Enrollment, World Literature I:** In addition to reading a book on the Minuteman Reads Summer Reading List 2024 – see instructions/restrictions above, students enrolled in World Literature I must read the following title:

	<p><b><i>Things Fall Apart</i></b> by Chinua Achebe; a physical copy of this title was provided at the end of the school year. Please make arrangements to come to the main office if you did not receive yours. An assessment will be given the first week of school.</p>
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### **Extra Credit**

Read as many books from one the Minuteman Reads Summer Reading List 2024 or book with tests found on the Renaissance Accelerated Reader Book Finder 9– see instructions/restrictions above) as possible. For every additional book you read and pass a computer-based test on this summer with a 70% or above you will earn 10 points of extra credit - there is a maximum of 120% that may be earned for summer reading.

As you read, you may take notes using the **Non-Fiction Biography Note Sheet**, the **Non-Fiction Subject Note Sheet**, and/or the **Fiction Note Sheet**. These note sheets may be used on your summer reading tests. Click on the links below for each organizer:

- [Non-Fiction Biography Note Sheet](#)
- [Non-Fiction Subject Note Sheet](#)
- [Fiction Note Sheet](#)

**Why is reading important?**

# 9 REASONS TO READ MORE



## Builds Knowledge

Cunningham & Stanovich, 1991 • Cunningham & Stanovich, 2003  
• Pressley, 2000



## Improves Achievement

Allen, Snow, & McNamara, 2015 • Anderson, Fielding, & Wilson, 1988  
• Allington, 2012 • Blachowicz & Ogle, 2001 • National Assessment of Educational Progress Report, 2015 • Worthy & Roser, 2010



## Increases Motivation

Atwell, 1987 • Feitelson & Goldstein, 1986 • Guthrie, Klauda, & Ho, 2013  
• Ivey & Broaddus, 2001 • Lapp & Fisher, 2009 • Lesesne, 2003  
• National Endowment for the Arts, 2007



## Increases Vocabulary

Krashen, 1989 • Nagy, Anderson, & Herman, 1987 • Nation & Cody, 2013  
• Read & Hodges, 1982



## Improves Writing

Bazerman, 1980 • Goodman & Goodman, 1983 • Langer & Flihan, 2000  
• Raphael, Kirschner, & Englert, 1988



## Builds Background Knowledge

Anderson, 1984 • Anderson, 1985 • McVee, Dunsmore, & Gavelek, 2005  
• Ozuru, Dempsey, & McNamara, 2009 • Smagorinsky, 2001



## Improves Understanding of Text Structures

Armbruster, 2004 • Fletcher, 2006 • Kendeou & van den Broek, 2007  
• Meyer & Rice, 1984 • Snyder, 2010



## Develops Empathy

Allington, 2013 • Bal & Veltkamp, 2013 • Johnson, 2012  
• Koopman & Hakemulder, 2015 • McLean, Breen, & Fournier, 2010



## Develops Personal Identity

Abodeeb-Gentile & Zawilinsky, 2013 • Begum, 2014 • Fives, Russell, et al., 2014  
• Hall, 2012 • Harste, 2009 • Jesweak, 2015 • Tatum, 2009