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Dear Pelham Memorial High School Students and Parents/Guardians:

Reading is not only a medium for transmitting information but also a way to travel into worlds beyond our own, nurturing our imaginations, our minds, and our spirits. While reading, we can explore other cultures, new ideas, or unfamiliar people facing challenges similar to our own. We find these experiences in various genres of literature.

There are numerous [resources](#) for discovering titles, beginning with your classmates, your previous English teachers, the [Sora App](#) on your Launchpad, and the librarians at the [Pelham Public Library](#).

We urge you to explore reading this summer together, as a family. Browsing titles at the Public Library, a local bookstore, or online is an opportunity to support good reading choices. Some titles may also be available as audiobooks and would make wonderful listening on long trips. Parents/Guardians may also want to read the books students select so you can talk about them together. Be aware that literature may contain mature content.

We ask that all PMHS students read at least **THREE** books of their choice over the summer. Each student should then complete [the form on the back of this page](#) including parent or guardian signatures. These forms will be collected during the first week of school in September.

- Incoming 11th grade AP English students should read one book from the [11AP Nonfiction List](#) and one book from the [11AP Fiction List](#), along with one other book of their choice.
- Incoming [12th grade AP English students](#) must [read and annotate](#) the three required books (*How to Read Literature like a Professor*, *The Bean Trees*, and *The Glass Castle*) as well as two other challenging books from the AP list for a total of five (read and annotated). ;
- Incoming [SUPA Presentational Speaking students](#) should read *Imperium* by Robert Harris and *Talk Like Ted* by Carmine Gallow, as well as one other book of their choice.
- Incoming [SUPA Academic Writing students](#) should read *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah as well as two other books of their choice.
- Incoming [Adelphi Dramatic Literature students](#) should read *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas Foster, *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, and *Long Day's Journey into Night* by Eugene O'Neill.

We wish you many hours of enjoyable reading this summer!

Sincerely,

The Pelham Memorial High School English Department

PMHS SUMMER READING FORM

Please complete this form as legibly as possible. Your English teacher will collect it during the first week of school.

Student Name: _____

Book Title #1 _____

Author _____

Book Title #2 _____

Author _____

Book Title #3 _____

Author _____

Book Title #4 (AP 12 only) _____

Author _____

Book Title #5 (AP 12 only) _____

Author _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____

Advanced Placement 11 Language and Composition Summer Reading List

All incoming 11th grade AP students should choose ONE book from EACH of the lists below, along with a third book of their choice. Be aware that literature in this course may contain mature content.

Nonfiction Choices for AP 11 Summer Reading (Choose 1)

1. Grealy, Lucy - *Autobiography of a Face*
2. Skloot, Rebecca - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
3. Eggers, Dave - *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*
4. Didion, Joan - *The Year of Magical Thinking*
5. Hillenbrand, Laura - *Seabiscuit: An American Legend*
6. Larson, Erik - *The Devil in the White City*
7. Slater, Dashka - *The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives*

Fiction Choices for AP 11 Summer Reading (Choose 1)

1. Chabon, Michael - *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*
2. George Orwell - *1984*
3. Toole, John Kennedy - *A Confederacy of Dunces*
4. Wharton, Edith - *The Age of Innocence*
5. Zusak, Markus - *The Book Thief*

You will be required to write a well-organized response using analysis of the two texts you choose in order to argue a particular assertion. Please make sure that you take detailed notes as you read.

SUPA Academic Writing Summer Reading List

Incoming SUPA Academic Writing students are required to read:

1. *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
2. Two other books OF YOUR CHOICE

SUPA Presentational Speaking Summer Reading List

Incoming SUPA Presentational Speaking students are required to read:

1. *Imperium* by Robert Harris
2. *Talk Like Ted* by Carmine Gallow
3. One other book OF YOUR CHOICE

Adelphi Dramatic Literature Summer Reading List

Incoming Adelphi Dramatic Literature students are required to read:

1. *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster (READ THIS ONE FIRST)
2. *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder
3. *Long Day's Journey into Night* by Eugene O'Neill

Please make sure that you take detailed notes as you read. At the start of the academic calendar, you will be required to write a well-organized literary essay.

Advanced Placement 12 Literature and Composition Summer Reading List

All incoming 12th grade AP students are required to read the following 3 books and 2 of their choice. Students must annotate these texts to show understanding and developing themes. At the start of the school year, students will be expected to utilize these annotations to direct class discussions before submitting them to the teacher for a grade. Be aware that literature in this course may contain mature content.

1. *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster (READ THIS ONE FIRST)
2. *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver
3. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.

In addition to these 3 books, all incoming 12th grade AP students are required to choose two additional books from this list OR of comparable literary complexity to the ones suggested. These books are also expected to be annotated.

Albee, Edward - *A Delicate Balance; Seascape*

Allison, Dorothy - *Bastard Out of Carolina;*
Cavedweller

Alvarez, Julia - *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their*
Accents; In the Time of the Butterflies; In the
Name of Salome

Amis, Martin - *Time's Arrow*

Anam, Tahmima - *A Golden Age*

Atwood, Margaret - *Cat's Eye; The Robber Bride;*
Oryx and Crake; Alias Grace

Balakian, Peter - *Black Dog of Fate* (non-fiction)

Bragg, Rick - *All Over but the Shoutin'*
(memoir) Brooks, Geraldine - *March*

Burnham, James - *The Commoner*

Camus, Albert - *The Plague*

Casey, John - *Spartina; The Half Life of Happiness*

Chevalier, Tracy - *Girl with the Pearl Earring;*
Falling Angels

Cisneros, Sandra - *Caramelo*

Coetzee, J.M. - *Disgrace; Waiting for the Barbarians*

Conway, Jill Ker - *The Road from Coorain*
(non-fiction)

Cronin, Justin - *The Summer Guest*

Cunningham, Michael - *The Hours*

Dickens, Charles - *Bleak House; Nicholas Nickleby*

Dillard, Annie - *An American Childhood*
(non-fiction)

Doctorow, E.L. - *Billy Bathgate; World's Fair; The*
Waterworks; City of God; The March

Dostoevsky, Fyodor - *Crime and Punishment; The Brothers Karamazov*

Eliot, George - *Middlemarch; Silas Marner; Adam Bede*

Ellison, Ralph - *Invisible Man*

Erdrich, Louise - *Love Medicine; Bingo Palace; The Antelope Wife; The Last Report on Miracles at Little No Horse; The Master Butchers Singing Club; Four Souls; The Painted Drum; The Plague of Doves*

Esquivel, Laura - *Like Water for Chocolate*

Fitzgerald, F. Scott - *Tender Is the Night; The Last Tycoon*

Forster, E. M. - *A Passage to India; A Room with a View*

Fowler, Connie May - *Before Women Had Wings; Remembering Blue*

Fowler, Karen Joy - *The Jane Austen Book Club*

Frazier, Charles - *Cold Mountain; Thirteen Moons*

Fugard, Athol - *Master Harold...and the Boys; The Road to Mecca*

Gay, William - *The Long Home; Provinces of Night*

Glass, Julia - *Three Junes; The Whole World Over*

Gordimer, Nadine - *July's People; Burger's Daughter*

Greene, Graham - *A Burnt-Out Case; The Power and the Glory*

Hamill, Pete - *North River*

Hamilton, Jane - *The Book of Ruth; A Map of the World; The Short History of a Prince; Disobedience; When Madeline Was Young*

Hardy, Thomas - *Jude the Obscure; The Return of the Native*

Hawthorne, Nathaniel - *The Blithedale Romance; The House of the Seven Gables*

Haruf, Kent - *Plainsong; Eventide*

Heller, Joseph - *Catch-22*

Ibsen, Henrik - *A Doll's House; The Master Builder; Ghosts*

Irving, John - *The Cider House Rules; A Prayer for Owen Meany; A Widow for One Year; The Fourth Hand*

James, Henry - *Portrait of a Lady*

Jin, Ha - *Waiting*

Joyce, James - *Ulysses; Dubliners*

King, Dave - *The Ha-Ha*

Kingsolver, Barbara - *The Poisonwood Bible; The Prodigal Summer*

Kingston, Maxine Hong - *The Woman Warrior*

Lahiri, Jhumpa - *The Namesake*

Lawrence, D. H. - *Sons and Lovers; The Rainbow*

Lee, Chang-Rae - *A Gesture Life; Aloft*

Lent, Jeffrey - *In the Fall*

Lessing, Doris - *The Grandmothers*

Mann, Thomas - *Death in Venice*

McCarthy, Cormac - *All the Pretty Horses; No Country for Old Men*

McDermott, Alice - *Charming Billy; Child of My Heart*

McEwan, Ian - *Atonement; Saturday; On Chesil Beach*

Moehring, J.R. - *The Tender Bar (memoir)*

Morrison, Toni - *Tar Baby; Paradise; Love*

Mukherjee, Bharati - *The Tree Bride; Desirable Daughters*

Naslund, Sena Jeter - *Ahab's Wife or The Star Gazer; Four Spirits*

Noel, Katharine - *Halfway House*

Oates, Joyce Carol - *Marya; We Were the Mulvaney's; Bellefleur*

O'Neill, Eugene - *Long Day's Journey into Night; A Moon for the Misbegotten*

Price, Richard - *Lush Life*

Roy, Lucinda - *The Hotel Alleluia*

Russo, Richard - *Bridge of Sighs*

Shaw, George B. - *Pygmalion; Saint Joan; Man and Superman*

Sittenfeld, Curtis - *Prep*

Smiley, Jane - *A Thousand Acres, Moo*

Smith, Zadie - *On Beauty*

Stoppard, Tom - *Arcadia*

Styron, William - *Sophie's Choice*

Tolstoy, Leo - *Anna Karenina*

Tsukiyama, Gail - *The Street of a Thousand Blossoms*

Tyler, Anne - *The Accidental Tourist; Breathing Lessons; Saint Maybe; Back When We Were Grownups; The Amateur Marriage; Digging to America*

Updike, John - *Rabbit Run; The Centaur*

Walker, Alice - *Possessing the Secret of Joy; Temple of My Familiar*

Waugh, Evelyn - *Brideshead Revisited; Scoop; The Loved One*

Wharton, Edith - *The Age of Innocence; The House of Mirth*

Wilde, Oscar - *Lady Windermere's Fan; An Ideal Husband*

Williams, Tennessee - *Suddenly Last Summer; Sweet Bird of Youth*

Wilson, August - *The Piano Lesson, Seven Guitars; Two Trains Running*

Woolf, Virginia - *To the Lighthouse; Mrs. Dalloway*

Wright, Stephen - *Meditations in Green*