



2024 Summer Reading for Students Entering Ninth Grade

You are required to read only one book, and there is no required written assignment to complete. We will, however, be using this title as our jumping-off point for discussion and writing activities during the first quarter of 9th grade, so **be sure to complete the required book before the first day of school.**

Required Text: *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

READING HELP: You are not required to complete a written assignment during the summer, but if you wish to complete some activities to help you keep the book fresh in your mind, you may enjoy one of the following. **These activities will NOT be collected or graded!!**

- Choose one character to follow as you read. Make annotations about what the character is like at the beginning of the book, key events that cause the character to develop or change, and important changes you see in the character. You might also note questions or challenges the character raises for you as a reader—what does this person's journey make you think about?
- Choose 5 important events in the book to illustrate. Write a couple of sentences for each picture detailing why you think that event is important.
- Keep an informal journal of your thoughts as you read, writing down page numbers where key events/quotes appear and your questions/responses to those things.

A Few More Titles You May Enjoy Reading During the Summer!

You are not required to read a second book this summer, but we know some of you love to read! Below you will find a list of a few books worth reading, many of which have been previously enjoyed by rising 9th graders.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Anthem by Ayn Rand

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

One of Us Is Lying by Karen M. McManus

Rocket Boys by Homer Hickam

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld