



2025 Summer Reading for Students Entering Ninth Grade English

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 you are responsible for remembering and being able to discuss and respond to this book in meaningful ways upon your return to school. Therefore, I recommend that you complete an activity to help you keep the book fresh in your mind. You may enjoy one of the following. **These activities will NOT be collected/ graded!!**

- Make annotations about what a 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. Note questions or challenges the character raises for you as a reader—what does their 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 books worth reading, many of which have been previously enjoyed by rising 9th graders. Parents who have concerns about mature content are encouraged to research titles before allowing their students to read.

- *American Born Chinese* (graphic novel) by Gene Luen Yang
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
- *Anthem* by Ayn Rand
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jaqueline Woodson
- *Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram
- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *One of Us Is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
- *Rocket Boys* (memoir) by Homer Hickam
- *The Sun Is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon
- *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld