

Woodside High School REQUIRED Summer Reading Assignments 2008

Students entering A.S. and A.P. (honors) classes are required to read all of the titles listed for their grade level. All books must be read prior to the start of school; students can expect an assignment within the first week of school. Students entering mainstream and SDAIE classes are required to read one of the books listed at their grade level. Students will be tested within the first two weeks of school in their English class. A few of the books below have been made into major motion pictures. Students are required to READ the book. The writing assignments and tests administered at the beginning of the school year require a close reading of the novel. Students who have not read, but watched the movie, will not receive credit

A.S. students are REQUIRED to read all of the following:

Ninth Grade: English I AS

The Count of Monte Cristo, Alexandre Dumas (Abridged Bantam Classic, ISBN # 055321350-4)

The Iliad: A New Prose Translation (Penguin Classic), Homer (translated by Martin Hammond)

Tenth Grade: English II AS

Grendel, John Champlin Gardner

Beowulf, Seamus Heaney

Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer (Oxford World's Classics ISBN: 019283360X – read Introduction

and

Groups A and D)

Eleventh Grade: AP Language

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, Frederick Douglass

Herland, Charlotte Perkins Gilman

Tortilla Curtain, T.C. Boyle

Twelfth Grade: AP Literature

The Things They Carried, Tim O'Brien

Catch-22, Joseph Heller

Mainstream and SDAIE students are REQUIRED to read one of the following:

Ninth Grade: English I and English I SDAIE

Monster, Walter Dean Myers

Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson

Grayson, Lynne Cox

Looking for Alaska, John Green

Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card

The House of the Scorpion, Nancy Farmer

Tenth Grade: English II and English II SDAIE

Freakonomics, Stephen D Levitt

The Bookseller of Kabul, Åsne Seierstad

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Stephen Chbosky

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon

The World is Flat, Thomas L. Friedman,

19 Minutes, Jodi Picoult

Eleventh Grade: English III and English III SDAIE

Pigs in Heaven, Barbara Kingsolver

Almost Moon, Alice Sebold

Nickle and Dimed, Barbara Ehrenreich

Magician's Assistant, Ann Patchett

One Thousand White Women, Jim Fergus

Go Tell it on the Mountain, James Baldwin

Twelfth Grade: English IV and English IV SDAIE

Zorro, Isabelle Allende

Water for Elephants, Sara Gruen

1000 Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini

East Side Dreams, Art Rodriguez

On the Road, Jack Kerouac

Limited copies of the above books are available for check out through the WHS library. Books may also be purchased at local bookstores- try Kepler's in Menlo Park, Printers Inc. in Palo Alto, Barnes and Noble in Redwood City, or Tower Books in San Mateo. Local libraries are an excellent alternative. Call ahead for availability.

Do not wait until the last minute!