

UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER READING

Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the summer vacation your son or daughter will complete a reading and writing assignment that will be due on the first day of school, August 31, 2010. Teachers will assess the reading assignments through a variety of means including, but not limited to, analytical/critical essays, tests, and class discussions. This assessment will be incorporated into the first marking period and will become a part of the grade for the first nine weeks as will the writing project. The specific instructions for each assignment follow below.

REQUIREMENTS

- > All written entries must be composed on a word processor or a computer.
- > All written entries must follow MLA style for headings, spacing, and font.
- > All written entries must be signed with the complete Honor Pledge.
- > All written assignments must be turned in to respective teachers on 9/1/11

SPECIFICATIONS

Grades 6-8 Reading Assignments

► English 6

Three Cups of Tea (The Young Reader's Edition) Mortenson & Relin
(and one book from the list below)

► English 7

The Red Pony Steinbeck
(and one book from the list below)

► English 8

Boys: *The Black Pearl* O'Dell
Girls: *Catherine, Called Birdy* Cushman
(and one book from the list below)

MULTI-CULTURAL SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

Choose one multi-cultural book from your grade level listed below on which to report. In your two hundred fifty-word essay, include a brief plot summary and then discuss what you have learned about this country and its people from the lifestyles, beliefs, and attitudes expressed in the books; or if the book is based in the U.S., discuss the period of history and how these main characters were treated at the time in addition to providing a plot summary.



UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER READING CONT'D

The BSH library will have a limited number of multi-cultural books available for checkout.

► Suggested books for 6th grade boys and girls

<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis
<i>Rules</i>	Cynthia Lord
<i>Schooled</i>	Gordon Korman
<i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan
<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis

► Suggested books for 7th grade girls

<i>Year of the Impossible Goodbyes</i>	Choi
<i>Echoes of the White Giraffe</i>	Choi
<i>The House on Mango Street</i>	Cisneros
<i>Children of the River</i>	Crew
<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>	Curtis
<i>A Girl Named Disaster</i>	Farmer
<i>The Clay Marble</i>	Ho
<i>Dovey Coe</i>	O’Roarke Dowell
<i>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</i>	Schmidt
<i>Jar of Dreams</i>	Uchida
<i>Journey Home</i>	Uchida
<i>A Boat to Nowhere</i>	Wartski
<i>So Far from the Bamboo Grove</i>	Watkins
<i>Homeless Bird</i>	Wheelen
<i>Child of the Owl</i>	Yep
<i>The Cook’s Family</i>	Yep
<i>Ribbons</i>	Yep
<i>The Star Fisher</i>	Yep

► Suggested books for 7th grade boys

<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>	Curtis
<i>The Ear, The Eye and The Arm</i>	Farmer
<i>The Golden Goblet</i>	McGraw
<i>Stones in Water</i>	Napoli

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<i>A Single Shard</i>	Park
<i>Sign of the Chrysanthemum</i>	Paterson
<i>The Crossing</i>	Paulsen
<i>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</i>	Schmidt
<i>Milkweed</i>	Spinelli
<i>A Boat to Now here</i>	Wartski
<i>Shadow of the Bull</i>	Wojciechowska
<i>The Lost Garden</i>	Yep
<i>Dragonwings</i>	Yep

▶ **Assigned reading for 8th grade boys and girls**

<i>Painless Study Techniques</i>	Greenberg
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Grades 9-12 reading assignment

▶ **English 9** (read both novels)

<i>The Giver</i>	Lowry
<i>A Separate Peace</i>	Knowles

▶ **English 9H** (read both novels)

<i>Secret Life of Bees</i>	Kidd
<i>The Once and Future King</i>	White

▶ **English 10** (read both novels)

<i>The Water is Wide</i>	Conroy
<i>Alas, Babylon!</i>	Frank

▶ **English 10H** (read both novels)

<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	Dickens
<i>A Time to Kill</i>	Grisham

▶ **English 11** (read both novels; It is strongly recommended that rising Juniors supplement their required reading with novels published by Kaplan or any of the other SAT preparation publishers)

<i>O' Pioneers</i>	Cather
<i>The Hunt for Red October</i>	Clancy

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▶ **English 11H** (read both novels)

The Red Badge of Courage

Crane

The Scarlet Letter

Hawthorne

▶ **English 12** (read both novels)

1984

Orwell

Angela's Ashes

McCourt

English 12H (read both novels)

Madame Bovary

Flaubert

▶ *Iliad* (unabridged prose translation)

W.D.H. Rouse

Canterbury Tales

Chaucer

(not required summer reading—begin for 1st 9 week book report)