

DeBakey High School Summer Reading List - All Grades

Dear Parents,

Your student has received the Summer Reading List identifying the reading required **before** entering the English class for this 2009-2010 school year. The purpose of summer reading is to: encourage reading, set expectations for English classrooms, assess reading and writing skills, and expose students to literature found on the AP exams. We are confident that this reading program will enrich our exemplary school curriculum as well as our students for future academic challenges; however, please be advised that some selections contain adult language, themes, and situations. Encourage your student to begin reading **now**. Please read the instructions and the list before the end of this school year. During the **first two weeks** of school, students will be formally tested on their comprehension of these well-known works.

Advise your student to keep a written record of the readings (plot summaries, 2-column journals, descriptions of literary elements) to help jog his or her memory when it is time for **testing**. The testing process is rigorous and includes characters, plot, themes, etc. The exam(s) constitute 30% of your student's cycle 1 grade.

****Pre-AP and AP students must read all works on the grade level.**

9th Grade: Magnet (All 9th graders for 1st semester)

1. *Animal Farm* (Orwell)-Novel
2. *Of Mice and Men* (Steinbeck)-Novel

Pre-AP (2nd Semester only)

Only for students selected in Dec. for 2nd semester Pre-AP, it must be read before Jan. 1st & tested within 1st two weeks of Jan.:

1. *Lord of the Flies* (Golding)-Novel

10th Grade: Magnet

1. *Bless Me Ultima* (Anaya)-Novel
2. *Fahrenheit 451* (Bradbury)-Novel

Pre-AP

1. *Medea* (Euripides)-Play

11th Grade: Magnet

1. *The Great Gatsby* (Fitzgerald)-Novel
2. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (Hurston)-Novel

AP

1. *This Boy's Life* (Tobias Wolff)

12th Grade: Magnet

1. *Oedipus Rex* (Sophocles)-Play
2. *Brave New World* (Huxley)-Novel

AP

1. *Tartuffe* (Richard Wilbur trans.)-Play

Please return this portion signed as an indication that you have received and read the 2009-2010 summer reading list and requirements. Your student should return this signed portion no later than May 15, 2009. Thank You.

(PRINT student name)

(student signature)

(parent signature)

(date)