

RMHS Grade 11 Summer Reading 2009

Summer Reading for English 11: The Power of Narrative

The Requirement: Read any two of the books listed below.

The Books by Category:

Classics:

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
Gone With The Wind by Margaret Mitchell
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
The Quiet American by Graham Greene
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Contemporary Non-Fiction:

East of New York, West of Kabul by Tamim Ansary
Fall River Dreams by Bill Reynolds
The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls
Stick Fist Knife Gun by Geoffrey Canada

Contemporary Fiction:

Blackbird House by Alice Hoffman
The Color of Water by James McBride
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
The Mists of Avalon by Marion Zimmer Bradley
The Pact by Jodi Picoult
The Remains of The Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
Reservation Blues by Sherman Alexie
The Shining by Stephen King

Assessment: Students will complete multiple choice tests in September to demonstrate comprehension of character and plot.

Extra-Credit

Option: Students who wish to earn 20 extra points on their tests may respond to one of the following prompts for each book—that's a total of two written responses:

- Explain why you would or would not recommend this book to a fellow classmate. Be specific. Refer to individuals and events in the book. Your response should contain at least 250 words.
- Discuss the main character or figure in the book. What are his or her defining characteristics? Are those characteristics an innate part of who he or she is? Did he or she develop those characteristics as a result of certain experiences? Your response should contain at least 250 words.

