

## RMHS Grade 12 Summer Reading 2009

### Summer Reading for English 12

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  
Assessment:

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.

