

RMHS Grade 9 Summer Reading 2009

Summer Reading for English 9: Perspectives

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

The Books by category:

Fantasy:	<i>The Hobbit</i> by JRR Tolkein <i>The Once and Future King</i> by TH White
Sports:	<i>The Contender</i> by Robert Lipsyte <i>Friday Night Lights</i> by HG Bissinger <i>Travel Team</i> by Mike Lupica
Suspense:	<i>The Chamber</i> by John Grisham <i>The Gospel According to Larry</i> by Janet Tashjian <i>Playmates</i> by Robert Parker
Coming of Age:	<i>Rules of The Road</i> by Joan Bauer

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. Worth 10 extra points.
- 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. Worth 10 extra points.

SPECIAL 10 POINT BONUS OPTION!

**Meet Janet Tashjian, the author of *The Gospel According to Larry*!!!!
She will be appearing at the Reading Public Library on Thursday, July 23 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Attend her appearance and receive 10 bonus points on your test!**