

**Kershaw County School District
High School Summer Reading Program**

The Summer Reading Program is a traditional academic requirement of the Kershaw County School District. This is to emphasize to you the importance of reading in our society. These requirements are also part of the outside reading standards for English Language Arts in the state of South Carolina. To make sure that you begin your experience well, please make sure you read this letter carefully. Also, make sure you follow directions for the course in which you are enrolled.

COLLEGE PREP CLASSES

Students who are enrolled in English I, English II, English III, and English IV are to choose 1 book from the appropriate list to read over the summer. Students will be required to complete a teacher-made assessment on this novel by August 31, 2010. All students, regardless of semester, must complete this assessment by the deadline. Teachers will post further information outside their rooms at the beginning of the school year. It is the students' responsibility to contact their English teachers. This assessment is a MAJOR grade.

English I

Before We Were Free, Book Thief, Brian's Winter, Bronx Masquerade, Chains, City of Bones, Cut, Feed, Forged By Fire, Graveyard Book, Gym Candy, House on Mango Street, Monster, Nation, Number the Stars, Old Man and the Sea, Outsiders, Red Badge of Courage, Romiette and Julio, Sign of the Beaver, The Silver Chair, Slave Dancer, Soldier Boys, Speak, and Wake, White Fang

English II

Angel Experiment (Maximum Ride series), Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast, Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of WWII, Copper Sun, Darkness Before Dawn, Dear Miss Breed: true stories of the Japanese American incarceration during World War II and a librarian who made a difference, Ender's Game, Elsewhere, Fahrenheit 451, Game, Graceling, The Hobbit, The House of the Scorpions, Impossible, Killing Mr. Griffin, The Lovely Bones, Light in the Forest, The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea, Prom, Red Pony, Savannah from Savannah, Secret Life of Bees, The Sun Also Rises, Tuesdays With Morrie

English III

Across Five Aprils, Between a Rock and a Hard Place, Blind Side, The Bluest Eye, Bog Child, Chinese Cinderella: the True Story of an Unwanted Daughter, Christy, Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916, Cold Sassy Tree, The Cradle Will Fall, East, Elsewhere, Fences: a play, Finn: a novel, For Whom the Bells Tolls, A Great and Terrible Beauty, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins: a World War II Soldier, The Joy Luck Club, The Jungle, Kite Runner, March, Paper Towns, Slam!, Their Eyes Were Watching God, The Things They Carried, The Truth About Forever, and WIntergirls

English IV

Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging, Bless the Beasts and the Children, A Child Called It, Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America, Fortunes of Indigo Skye, Grendel, The Handmaid's Tale, The Haunting of Alaiabel Cray, If I Stay, Jake Reinvented, Knights of the Hill Country, Jane Eyre, Lesson Before Dying, Little Brother, No Shame No Fear, Over Sea, Under Stone, The Pac (Picoult), Raven's Gate, Rebecca, The Rifle, The Road, Somewhere in the Darkness, A Thousand Splendid Suns, To Sir With Love, Stormbreaker, Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism and Build Nations- One School at a Time, Watership Down

HONORS CLASSES

Students in Honors II, III, and IV will be required to read 3 assigned books. Students enrolled in Advanced Composition will be required to read 2 assigned books. Although it is suggested, students are NOT required to purchase summer reading books. Students are required to:

- Keep a detailed reading log for each book. This reading log is due to your English teacher by August 31st (regardless of which semester you have English).
- Take a minor assessment for each book by August 31st. Teachers will have specific information posted outside their doors.
- Complete 1 major assessment for each novel during the course of the class.

Honors English II

- **North Central High School-** *The Old Man and the Sea* (Hemingway), *Lord of the Flies* (Golding), and *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Lee)
- **Camden High School-** *Lord of the Flies* (Golding), *Fahrenheit 451* (Bradbury) and *Great Expectations* (Dickens)
- **Lugoff-Elgin High School-** *Savannah from Savannah* (Hildreth), *The Hobbit* (Tolkien), *Ender's Game* (Card), *The House of the Scorpion* (Farmer), *The Sun Also Rises* (Hemingway), *Copper Sun* (Draper), and *The Prom* (Anderson)

Honors English III

- **North Central High School-** *The Scarlet Letter* (Hawthorne), *A Farewell to Arms* (Hemingway), and *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (Angelou)
- **Camden High School-** *As I Lay Dying* (Faulkner), *Fences* (Wilson), and *The Grapes of Wrath* (Steinbeck)
- **Lugoff-Elgin High School-** *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (Twain), *Ellen Foster* (Gibbons), and *The Grapes of Wrath* (Steinbeck)

Honors English IV

- **North Central High School-** *Persuasion* (Austen), *Frankenstein* (Shelly), and *Brave New World* (Huxley)
- **Camden High School-** *Mrs. Dalloway* (Woolf), *A Tale of Two Cities* (Dickens), and *Jane Eyre* (Bronte)
- **Lugoff-Elgin High School-** *Brave New World* (Huxley), *The Tempest* (Shakespeare), and *Frankenstein* (Shelly)

Advanced Composition/ English V

- **North Central High School-** *The Bluest Eye* (Morrison) and *The Kite Runner* (Khaled Hosseini)
- **Camden High School-** *The Time Machine* (Wells) and *The Unvanquished* (Faulkner)
- **Lugoff- Elgin High School-** *Cry*, *The Beloved Country* (Paton), and *Night* (Wiesel)

AP Literature

- **Camden High School-** *Wuthering Heights* (Bronte), *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (Albee), and *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* (Tyler)
- **Lugoff-Elgin High School-** *Cry*, *The Beloved Country* (Paton) and *Cold Mountain* (Frazier).

AP Language

- **Lugoff-Elgin High School-** *Brave New World* (Huxley), *Brave New World Revisited* (Huxley), and *The Tempest* (Shakespeare)

The Kershaw County Library and the Lancaster County Library will have the list of books. The information will also be posted on each school's website.