

HARTSBROOK HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER 2023 READING ASSIGNMENT

Dear Rising Ninth and Tenth Graders:

Summer break can be a wonderful time to catch up on reading, discover new genres or authors, re-read old favorites, or to finally tackle a literary classic. This summer, we ask you to read at least ONE book from this list. Reading more is better and heartily encouraged!

When we return to school in the fall, you will be expected to share your summer reading in detail with your English teacher and your classmates in the form of a presentation. You'll be asked to summarize the story, tell us why the books you read resonated with you (or didn't), and argue for keeping them, removing them, or adding them to the reading list. No need to complete the project over the summer, however—just focus on enjoying your books!

If you have any questions, you can contact me by e-mail over the summer.

Sincerely,
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SOURCES FOR BOOKS

The **Reading Lists for Grades 9 & 10** are great places to start. These lists contain suggestions for books you may enjoy, including some from among the better-known classic titles. I am also happy to consider **books recommended by librarians or caregivers**. Just please check titles with me to see if they're appropriate for your summer reading.

Speaking of librarians, there are excellent **public libraries** in many towns in the Valley, and librarians are always eager to recommend titles. Often they have a section of suggestions for young adults. Go with your reading list, look for a few titles, and see what tickles your fancy. You can rent up to 50 books for free!

[*Books for the Journey*](#), compiled and edited by experienced Waldorf English teachers Anne Greer and John Wulsin is another great resource. This curated collection includes mainly canonical works of Fiction, Non-Fiction, Biography, etc., and provides a synopsis and an indication of grade level appropriate to the book.

When I'm overwhelmed by reading options, I often turn to [Goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com), a website where readers like yourself can rate and review books. I like to start by searching for a title I liked, and seeing what similar books are recommended. It can also be helpful to read a synopsis and a few reviews from other users.

NINTH AND TENTH GRADES READING LIST

The following books are culled from *Books for the Journey* and other recommendations.

FICTION:

Adichie, Chimamanda – *Purple Hibiscus*
Achebe, Chinua – *Things Fall Apart*
Agee, James – *Death in the Family*
Alcott, Louisa May – *Little Women*
Alvarez, Julia – *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents; In the Time of the Butterflies*
Anaya, Rudolfo – *Bless Me Ultima*
Austen, Jane – *Emma; Northanger Abbey*
Bradbury, Ray – *Fahrenheit 451*
Bronte, Charlotte – *Jane Eyre*
Brown, Claude – *Manchild in the Promised Land*
Cather, Willa – *Death Comes for the Archbishop; One of Ours*
Chbosky, Stephen – *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*
Chevalier, Tracy – *Girl With The Pearl Earring*
Cisneros, Sandra – *The House on Mango Street*
Clarke, Arthur – *Childhood's End*
Courtenay, Bryce – *The Power of One*
Crane, Stephen – *The Red Badge of Courage*
Dangarembga, Tsitsi – *Nervous Conditions*
Danticat, Edwidge – *Breath, Eyes, Memory*
Dickens, Charles – *David Copperfield; Great Expectations*
Doerr, Anthony – *All The Light We Cannot See*
Doyle, Arthur Conan – *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
Dumas, Alexander – *The Three Musketeers; The Count of Monte Cristo*
Ellison, Ralph – *Invisible Man*
Haddon, Mark – *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*
Hall, Brian – *The Saskiad*
Hebert, Frank – *Dune*
Heller, Joseph – *Catch-22*
Hemingway, Ernest – *A Farewell To Arms*
Huxley, Aldous – *Brave New World*
Kazuo Ishiguro – *A Pale View of the Hills; Buried Giant*
Jen, Gish – *Typical American*
Keyes, Daniel – *Flowers for Algernon*
Kincaid, Jamaica – *Annie John*
Kingsolver, Barbara – *The Bean Trees; Animal Dreams*
Kingston, Maxine Hong – *The Woman Warrior*
Kinsella W. P. – *Shoeless Joe*
Knowles, John – *A Separate Peace*
Krakauer, John – *Into Thin Air*
Lahiri, Jhumpa – *The Namesake*
Laye, Camera – *The African Child*
LeGuin, Ursula – *The Left Hand of Darkness; The Farthest Shore*
L'Engle Madeleine – *A Wrinkle In Time*
London, Jack – *The Call of The Wild*
Maclean, Norman – *A River Runs Through It*
Martel, Yann – *Life of Pi*

McCullers, Carson – *Member of The Wedding*
McEwan, Ian – *Atonement; On Chisel Beach*
Mitchell, David – *Black Swan Green*
Poe, Edgar Allen – *The Fall of the House of Usher and Other Stories*
Potok, Chaim – *The Chosen; Davita's Harp*
Pullman, Phillip – *The Golden Compass; The Subtle Knife; The Amber Spyglass*
Renault, Mary – *The King Must Die*
Sartrapi, Marjane – *Persepolis*
Smith, Betty – *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
Smith, Dodie – *I Capture the Castle*
Soto, Gary – *Jesse*
Steinbeck, John. – *Of Mice and Men*
Stevenson, Robert Louis – *Treasure Island*
Tan, Amy – *The Joy Luck Club*
Tey, Josephine – *The Daughter of Time*
Thurber, James. *The Carnival*
J.R.R. Tolkien – *The Hobbit; Lord of the Rings*
Twain, Mark – *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*
Vonnegut, Kurt – *Slaughterhouse Five; Cat's Cradle*
White, T.H. – *The Once and Future King*
Woodson, Jacqueline *Another Brooklyn*
Yang, Gene Luen – *American Born Chinese; Boxers and Saints*
Ward, Jesmyn - *Salvage the Bones*
Zusak, Marcus – *The Book Thief*

NONFICTION:

Angelou, Maya – *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
Dillard, Annie – *An American Childhood*
Douglass, Frederick – *A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
DuBois, W.E.B. – *The Souls of Black Folk*
Feynman, Richard – *The Pleasure of Finding Things Out*
Frank, Anne – *The Diary of a Young Girl*
Hillenbrand, Laura – *Seabiscuit*
Hogan, Linda *The Woman Who Watches over the World: A Native Memoir*
Jahren, Hope – *Lab Girl*
Lorenz, Konrad – *King Solomon's Ring*
Prince, Mary *The History of Mary Prince: A West Indian Slave*
Ritter, Lawrence S. – *The Glory of Their Times: The Story of the Early Days of Baseball Told by the Men Who Played It*
Skloot, Rebecca – *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
Smith, Tracy K. – *Ordinary Light*
Wiesel, Elie – *Night*
Walls, Jeanette – *The Glass Castle*
Westover, Tara - *Educated*
Wilkerson, Isabel – *The Warmth of Other Suns*
Weisman, Alex – *The World Without Us*