

Palisades High School

Required Summer Reading 2009

Students **must** read the following required materials for all scheduled English, social studies, science and AP Statistics courses prior to the beginning of the school year. All students will be assessed on the English and social studies reading during the second week of school. Science and AP Statistics readings specified below will be assessed during class time.

Please be reminded these reading selections must be completed before school starts on August 31, 2009.

* indicates mild sensitive material within the text (realistic language or mild forensics violence)

English Courses:

Grade 9 - (choose one title below)

Maus: A Survivor's Tale by Art Spiegelman
Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Pattillo Beals

Grade 10 - (choose one title below)

The Five People you Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Grade 11 - (choose one title below)

The Patron Saint of Butterflies by Cecilia Galante
**Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

Grade 11 - AP

(all of the titles below are required summer reads)

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren
Moby Dick by Herman Melville
The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
Walden by Henry David Thoreau

The titles below are not required, but recommended:

Cosmos by Carl Sagan
East of Eden by John Steinbeck
Einstein's Dreams by Alan Lightman
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
House of Dawn by N. Scott Momaday
House of Mirth by Edith Wharton
King Lear by William Shakespeare
O Pioneers! by Willa Cather
Othello by William Shakespeare
Passage to India by E.M. Forster
Timeline by Michael Crichton
The Way to Rainy Mountain by N. Scott Momaday

Grade 12 - (choose one title below)

The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver
Bleachers by John Grisham

English Courses, cont.:

Grade 12 - AP

(all of the titles below are required summer reads)

Crime and Punishment (translated by Constance Garnett) by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller (in Perrine textbook)

A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen (in Perrine textbook)

The titles below are read during the school year. They are not required, but recommended:

The Awakening by Kate Chopin

Hamlet by William Shakespeare (in Perrine textbook)

The Metamorphosis (translated by Stanley Corngold) by Franz Kafka

Princeton Review's *Cracking the AP English Literature Exam*

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

Social Studies Courses:

Grade 9 - Global Perspectives I - (choose one title below)

Bound by Donna Jo Napoli

Samurai Shortstop by Alan Gratz

Grade 10 - Global Perspectives II/Academy 10 - (Academy students choose one title below – either choice is fine)

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak – Level 1 students only

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne – Level 2 students only

Grade 11 - American History/Academy 11 - (choose one title below -Academy students choose one title below – any choice is fine)

Ashes of Roses by Mary Jane Auch – Level 1 or Level 2

**The Things they Carried* by Tim O'Brien – Level 1 students only

**The First Stone* by Lewis Wechsler – Level 2 students only

Grades 11&12 - AP European History

A History of the World in Six Glasses by Tom Standage

The title below is not required, but recommended:

Princeton Review's *Cracking the AP European History Exam*

Grades 11&12 - AP American History - (choose one title below)

The Affluent Society by John Kenneth Galbraith

An American Dilemma by Gunnar Myrdal

A Century of Dishonor by Helen Hunt Jackson

Democracy in America by Alexis de Tocqueville

Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care by Benjamin Spock

An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States by Charles Austin Beard

The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

How the Other Half Lives: Studies among the Tenements of New York by Jacob A. Riis

The Influence of Sea Power upon History, 1660-1783 by A.T. Mahan

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

Letters from an American Farmer by J. Hector St. John de Crevecoeur

Life and Times of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass

The Lonely Crowd: a Study of the Changing American Character by David Riesman

Looking Backward, 2000-1887 by Edward Bellamy

Maggie, a Girl of the Streets by Stephen Crane

Social Studies Courses, cont.:

Grades 11&12 - AP American History, cont. (choose one title)

The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit by Sloan Wilson

Native Son by Richard Wright

The Octopus: a Story of California by Frank Norris

On the Road by Jack Kerouac

The Other America: Poverty in the United States by Michael Harrington

The Significance of the Frontier in American History by Frederick Jackson Turner

Silent Spring by Rachel Carson

The Souls of Black Folk by W.E. B. Du Bois

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Grade 12 - Cultural Diversity

The Color of Water by James McBride

Grade 12 - Contemporary Issues

The Appeal by John Grisham

Grade 12 - Government and Development of Public Policy

The Appeal by John Grisham

Math Courses:

AP Statistics

Freakonomics : a Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything, (Chapters 1,4,5,6) by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen Dubner

Please note: a work packet accompanies the AP Statistics assignment. Please access this from Miss Hitcho if you have not already done so.

Science Courses:

Biology - (choose one title below)

The Hot Zone by Richard Preston

Gorillas in the Mist by Dian Fossey

Chemistry I - (choose one title below)

Who Killed King Tut? by Michael R. King, Gregory M. Cooper, and Don Denevi

**Beyond the Body Farm* by William M. Bass

Applied Chemistry

The Cartoon Guide to Chemistry by Larry Gonick

Chemistry II

The Gecko's Foot by Peter Forbes

Physics I & Active Physics

The Cartoon Guide to Physics, (Chapters 1-9) by Larry Gonick

Physics II

The Cartoon Guide to Physics, (Chapters 9-23) by Larry Gonick

Science Courses, cont.:

Natural and Environmental

Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Anatomy and Physiology

Dead Men Do Tell Tales by William Maples

AP Biology

Eight Little Piggies by Stephen Jay Gould

Earth and Space

Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Additional Reading Selections:

After you finish reading the prerequisite titles and are looking for further book suggestions, visit our High School Library Website (www.palisadessd.org/phslibrary) and link into **Reading**.

Found here are:

- ALA (American Library Association) suggested booklists. The popular, Outstanding Books for the College Bound, can be found here along with lists of award winning titles categorized by award!
- Palisades High School Students' favorite reads
- Reading Olympics booklists
- New York Times booklists

Happy Reading!

