

# Palisades High School

## Required Summer Reading 2008

Students **must** read the following required materials for all scheduled English, Social Studies, and AP Statistics courses prior to the beginning of the school year. Teachers will assess the reading during the second week of the course. Although students enrolled in science courses will not be assessed, course associated readings are included on this list; it is highly recommended that students read the recommended text(s) prior to the start of the course.

Please be reminded these reading selections must be completed before school starts on September 2, 2008.

### Social Studies Courses:

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

*Bound* by Donna Jo Napoli

*Samurai Shortstop* by Alan Gratz

#### **Grade 10 - Global Perspectives II - (choose one title below)**

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

*Hiroshima* by John Hersey

#### **Grade 11 - American History - (choose one title below)**

*The First Stone* by Lewis Wechsler

*Ghost Soldiers* by Hampton Sides

#### **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

*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

## Social Studies Courses, cont.:

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### 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*

### 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

## English Courses:

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### Grade 9

*Night* by Elie Wiesel (see English Dept for glossary and historical overview)

[Night Packet](#)

### 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)

*Hank Aaron and the Home Run that Changed America* by Tom Stanton

*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

### 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.:

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### 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

*The Little Foxes* by Lillian Hellman

**The titles below are not required, but recommended:**

*The Awakening* by Kate Chopin

*Hamlet* by William Shakespeare

*The Metamorphosis* (translated by Stanley Corngold) by Franz Kafka

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

*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

## Math Courses:

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### 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.

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## Recommended Reading:

It is **recommended** that students read the following materials for all scheduled Science courses prior to the beginning of the course.

## Science Courses:

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### Biology - (choose one title below)

*The Hot Zone* by Richard Preston

*Gorillas in the Mist* by Dian Fossey

### Chemistry I

*Atom: Journey across the subatomic cosmos* by Isaac Asimov

### 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.:**

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### **Natural and Environmental**

*Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn

### **Anatomy and Physiology**

*Dead Men Do Tell Tales* by William Maples

### **AP Biology**

*Eight Little Piggies* by Stephen Jay Gould

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## **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](http://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!**

