



SUMMER READING 2008

McQUAID JESUIT

Some courses have required summer reading distributed by the instructor separately; some courses have summer reading assignments listed after the English Department reading assignments. Please read this document thoroughly.

PLEASE NOTE:

Books on our summer reading lists are available for purchase at the McQuaid Jesuit Bookstore, Barnes and Noble, Borders and other local bookstores. The list has also been provided to many local libraries. If you have questions regarding the summer reading list please feel free to contact Mrs. Peggy Ansaldi in the Bookstore. Summer Bookstore hours and this list will be posted on the website (www.mcquaid.org)

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT SUMMER READING LIST

The number of titles required varies for each grade level. A student should read each work **carefully and thoughtfully**, taking notes on what he reads.

On the first Monday of the semester (September 10) be prepared to take a test on the required books. Grades 8-12 will also be required to do an in-class writing assignment on the titles, either on that Monday or the following day.

Philosophy: Every part of who we are as human beings—spirit, mind, and body—needs nourishment. **Reading** goes a long way towards the care of all of those parts: our hearts are touched, our imaginations are stimulated, and our bodies are relaxed. With this conviction McQuaid requires that all students read the titles listed below. Please follow the guidelines carefully. **Enjoy!**

7th GRADE

Read all **four** titles.

1. ***The Transall Saga*** by Gary Paulsen
While backpacking in the desert, thirteen-year-old Mark falls into a tube of blue light and is transported into a more primitive world.
2. ***Cold River*** by William Judson
The classic elements of a struggle to survive come to life in this compellingly real portrait of terror in the wilderness.
3. ***A Long Way from Chicago*** by Richard Peck
A captivating novel told through individual stories. A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.
4. ***Rewind*** by William Sleator
Not long after learning that he was adopted, eleven-year-old Peter is hit by a car and then given several chances to alter events that could lead to his death.

8th GRADE

Read all **four** titles.

1. ***Blue Skin of the Sea*** by Graham Salisbury **ISBN-10:** 0440219051
Through eleven interlinked stories with a motley cast of characters, Salisbury tells the tale of Sonny Mendoza, a boy coming of age, in Kailua-Kona, a Hawaiian fishing village. Sonny's struggles with courage, love, and "growing up," are all parts of a greater struggle to cherish and trust the water, the way that all other Mendoza men have done and are meant to do.
2. ***The Hound of the Baskervilles*** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle **ISBN-10:** 0440937582
What's the truth behind the legend of the Hound of the Baskervilles? Is it really a devil-beast that's haunting the lonely moors? Enter Sherlock Holmes, and more prominently in this work, Dr. Watson, to find the answer, in this full-length novel written by the creator of one of the most popular and enduring detective series ever written.
3. ***Gods, Heroes and Men of Ancient Greece*** – Rouse **ISBN-10:** 0451628004
Life among the gods and goddesses of Ancient Greece was a pretty lively affair. This is a book that shakes of the dust of mythology and introduces the gods and goddesses and the heroes and men of Ancient Greece through humor, drama, and romance. The tales are fast paced; as we learn so were the lives of these mythological figures.
4. ***Heat*** by Mike Lupica **ISBN-10:** 0142407577
Michael Arroyo is growing up in the shadow of Yankee Stadium. He is the star pitcher of his Little League team, dreaming of pitching them to the Little League World Series. Everything is on track for his dream to come true; then he is benched until the birth certificate that didn't make it out of Cuba with the family can be produced to prove he is only 12 and eligible to play. Lupica scores another hit with this warmhearted novel.

9th GRADE

Read **four** of the following **five** titles.

1. ***And Then There Were None or Ten Little Indians*** by Agatha Christie
Join ten perfect strangers on their journey to an island villa at the invitation of the mysterious Mr. Owen. And everything is perfectly lovely...until the guests start showing up dead! One of Christie's best.
2. ***The Iowa Baseball Confederacy*** by W.P. Kinsella
A riveting mystery with a host of fascinating characters, a first-rate ghost story, and the tale of a quest that ends not with the object of desire, but with the realization of love.
3. ***Black Like Me*** by John Howard Griffin
The author-protagonist recounts his harrowing journey through the southern U.S. of the 1950's after "becoming" a black man.
4. ***Tom Sawyer*** by Mark Twain
In this American classic Twain creates a boy whose imagination and precociousness still ring true.
5. ***April Morning*** by Howard Fast
Set during the American Revolution, Adam Cooper get more than he bargains for as he tries to prove to his father and himself that he is ready for the responsibilities of manhood.



10th GRADE

Read **four** of the following **five** titles.

1. ***The Moon is Down*** by John Steinbeck
One of the most important works of literature to be written during World War II, this novel has come to symbolize the ability of the human spirit to endure and even flourish despite suffering and repression. Set in an unnamed Northern European country, the novel tells of one town's struggle for dignity while under enemy occupation.
2. ***After the First Death*** by Robert Cormier
Events of the hijacking of a bus of children by terrorists seeking the return of their homeland are described from the perspectives of a hostage, a terrorist, an Army general involved in the rescue operation, and his son, chosen as the go-between.
3. ***Creature*** by John Saul
When Mark Tanner's family is transferred from California to Silverdale, Colorado, it seems like an ideal setting for a new start. The school is modern and immaculate, the sports teams are awesome, and the homes are spacious and gorgeous. The entire town seems to be pleased and prosperous due to Tarren Tech, the community's main employer. Mark is amazed to see the change in one of his friends who had moved to Silverdale the year before. His asthma seems to have disappeared, and he is now a star on the football field. Everything seems perfect—perhaps too perfect.
4. ***Something Wicked This Way Comes*** by Ray Bradbury
Good vs. Evil. Halloween. Three hours past midnight. Cooger and Dark's Pandemonium Shadow Show. A novel of the fantastic and the grotesque as only Bradbury could write it.
5. ***Cat's Cradle*** by Kurt Vonnegut
Hilarious and horrifying, this novel follows the exploits of a man who invents an atomic bomb and of his son who becomes the dictator on a small Caribbean island.

11th GRADE

Read **three** of the following **four** titles.

1. ***The Street Lawyer*** by John Grisham
Like the bestseller *The Firm*, this novel returns to familiar territory: an idealistic young lawyer who is privileged, married, smart; a go-getter who works in a prestigious firm in D.C. Everything seems fine until the innocent jurist meets a homeless man...and nothing is the same. Nothing. Ever again.
2. ***The Man in the Iron Mask*** by Alexandre Dumas *Unabridged*
A Bishop, knowing that King Louis XIV has a twin brother who has been imprisoned in the Bastille for eight years, schemes to place the twin on the throne.
3. ***The Great Santini*** by Pat Conroy
Step into the powerhouse world of Bull Meecham, marine, fighter pilot, and—apparently—absolute ruler of his family.
4. ***Dune*** by Frank Herbert
A grand epic of science fiction, set on the desert planet, Arrakis.



12th GRADE

Read **four** of the following **five** titles.

1. ***The Kite Runner*** by Khaled Hosseini
An Epic tale of fathers and sons, of friendship and betrayal, that takes us from Afghanistan in the final days of the monarchy to the atrocities of the present.
2. ***The House of Sand and Fog*** by Andre Dubus III
With almost unbearable suspense three fragile yet determined people become involved in an escalating crisis—all focused upon a small house in California.
3. ***A Lesson Before Dying*** by Ernest Gaines
This novel powerfully traces a young man's support of a condemned man and the life lessons the young man learns.
4. ***Friday Night Lights*** by H. H. Bissinger
Maybe you have seen the movie. Maybe you are a fan of the TV show. Now read the book that started it all and find out what it is really like to live in Odessa, Texas--where high school football is king!
5. ***The Misanthrope*** by Moliere (trans. By Richard Wilbur) **ISBN-10: 0822213893**
A great introduction to the works of this sharp-eyed comic dramatist.

Advanced English Reading

10th Grade

Read same titles as listed for "10th grade."

11th Grade

Students in this class will be given the summer reading list directly by their instructor.

12th Grade AP English

Students in this class will be given the summer reading list directly by their instructor.



Summer Reading Assignments for Courses Other than English

AP World History: Read the following Novel:

Empire: How Spain Became a World Power, 1492-1763 (Paperback) by [Henry Kamen](#) (Author)
ISBN-10: 0060932643 ISBN-13: 978-0060932640

AP US History:

American History: A Survey by Alan Brinkley, 12th edition, McGraw-Hill, 2007 (available in the McQuaid Jesuit Bookstore in July).

Recommended summer reading: Text, Chapters 1, 2 and 3 (Pages 3-98). Shortly after your return to school in September, there will be a test on this material.

The instructors may distribute additional summer assignments for some AP Classes.