Nashville School of the Arts

S U M M E R (GET AHEAD) R E A D I N G L I S T (2009-2010)

General Information:

*Read all books listed for the specific class you will take.
*Be sure you read the ACTUAL NOVEL – reading Cliff's Notes, Internet summaries, etc., will not be sufficient.
*Alternative books are listed for those who may be unable for religious or personal reasons to read an assigned selection. Remember, you may only read the alternative selection if it is impossible philosophically for you to read the assigned book. Note that these alternatives are neither shorter nor easier than the assigned works.
*On the first day of school you will be given the dates for specific assignments and tests on your summer reading. The written work required during the summer for 10th Grade Honors and 12th Grade Honors and AP is noted here:

10th Grade Honors Keep a dialectical journal, or a double-entry reader-response journal, that records a conversation between the ideas in the text and the ideas of the reader. Divide a piece of paper into three (3) columns in which you include twenty-five (25) quotations (Column 1), page numbers of those quotations (Col 2), and the reasons why you chose those quotations (Column 3), including insights and questions.

12th Grade Honors & AP A 1,500 word journal will be required for each selection. For CATCHER, write 500 words on the novel's plot, 500 on character, and 500 on your personal reaction to the novel; these will be due on the first Monday after school begins. AP students should discuss as many of the MYTHOLOGY stories and/or characters as possible in 1500 words; these journals will be due about two weeks later. You will be tested on each book on the day that novel's journals are due.

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Ninth Grade

Standard: ***MONSTER*** (Walter Dean Myers)
Honors: ***UP FROM SLAVERY**** (Booker T. Washington) + ***CHEATING LESSONS*** (Nan Williard Cappo)
*REQUIRED

Alternative Selection: ***STAYING FAT FOR SARAH BYRNES*** *(Chris Crutcher)*

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Tenth Grade

Standard: ***FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON*** (Daniel Keyes)
Honors: ***FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON*** (Daniel Keyes) + ***ELLEN FOSTER*** (Kaye Gibbons)

Alternative Selection: ***HARD TIMES*** *(Charles Dickens)*

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Eleventh Grade

Standard: ***FENCES*** (August Wilson)
Honors: ***FENCES*** (August Wilson) + ***NARRATIVE…LIFE OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS*** (F. Douglass)
11th Grade AP Language: ***NARRATIVE…LIFE OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS*** (F. Douglass) *(dialectical journal)*
+ ***THE ELEMENTS OF STYLE (4th Edition)*** *(by Strunk & White) (List 50 facts you learn)*

Alternative Selection: ***MOBY DICK*** *(Herman Melville)*

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Twelfth Grade

Standard: ***THE CATCHER IN THE RYE*** (J. D. Salinger)
Honors: ***THE CATCHER IN THE RYE*** (J. D. Salinger)
12th Grade AP Literature: ***THE CATCHER IN THE RYE*** (J. D. Salinger) + ***MYTHOLOGY*** (Edith Hamilton)

Alternative Selection: ***THE SOUND AND THE FURY*** *(William Faulkner)*

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