

9th Grade Summer Reading Requirements 2011-12

The English Department at Westminster understands that it is impossible to eliminate all objectionable materials in texts. Each book chosen for summer reading has been found to be relevant to other components of the curriculum. A student or parent who finds, within the required text, anything objectionable may mark out that particular portion and may be assured that the element in question is not the reason the text has been selected.

To ensure good recall of the major themes and elements of the texts, students are strongly urged to take notes on each book, recording major characters, conflicts, settings and themes.

Required reading

To Kill a Mockingbird, ISBN 0446310786, by Harper Lee, plus one text of choice from the list below

Assignment

In-class essay will be written on the required text

Northanger Abbey.....	Austen
Go Tell It on the Mountain.....	Baldwin
Dandelion Wine	Bradbury
The Good Earth	Buck
Cold Sassy Tree	Burns
And Then There Were None	Christie
The House on Mango Street	Cisneros
Robinson Crusoe.....	Defoe
Rebecca	du Maurier
Oliver Twist	Dickens
The Count of Monte Cristo.....	Dumas
Riders of the Purple Sage	Grey
The House of the Seven Gables	Hawthorne
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter	McCullers
The Wounded Spirit	Peretti
The Yearling	Rawlings
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Stevenson
Kidnapped	Stevenson
The Crystal Cave.....	Stewart
The Last Enchantment	Stewart
The Thread That Runs So True	Stuart
The Other Side of the Mountain: An Escape to the Amazon	Ullman