

Chariho Regional High School

10th Grade Summer Reading 2009

(Students Entering 10th Grade English)

The goal of the **Chariho Regional High School** Summer Reading Program is to encourage lifelong reading. Our philosophy is that books open up new worlds to students and the more they read the better readers and writers they become. The summer reading requirement also supports the district's English Language Arts standard of students reading at least 25 books per year.

Guidelines:

All students entering 10th grade English **are required** to read one book from the following list.

Assessment: During the first week of September, students will be assessed with a ten question test related to the title they've read. The ten questions will be graded as pass/fail. 70% is needed to pass. The summer reading assessment is worth 10% of the first quarter grade.

Advice: Pay close attention to character, theme, setting and plot. Connect the book to specific things in your life or the world. While reading, try using one of the active reading tasks suggested below.

- **Annotate as you go:** Keep track of important information about characters and events by recording notes in the margins (ONLY IF YOU OWN THE BOOK), or on Post-it notes. Use this method to mark favorite passages, or perhaps to ask questions you hope to answer as you continue reading.
- **Chapter Check:** At the end of each chapter, summarize important information and events in a journal.
- **Look-Back List:** Create a page-number-organized list of important information about characters and events. Perhaps create a chart or color system to facilitate quick and easy reference.

These books are available at your local public library and bookstores.

<p>Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live." (<i>Fantasy</i>)</p>	<p>Boot Camp by Todd Strasser After ignoring several warnings to stop dating his teacher, Garrett is sent to Lake Harmony, a boot camp that uses unorthodox and brutal methods to train students to obey their parents. (<i>Realistic/Adventure</i>)</p>
<p>Dreamland by Sarah Dessen After her older sister runs away, sixteen-year-old Caitlin decides that she needs to make a major change in her own life and begins a relationship with a boy who is mysterious, brilliant, and dangerous. (<i>Realistic Fiction</i>)</p>	<p>After the First Death by Robert Cormier The hijacking of a bus of children by terrorists is described from the perspectives of a hostage, a terrorist, an Army general involved in the rescue operation, and the general's son who has been chosen as the go-between. (<i>Realistic Fiction/Suspense</i>)</p>
<p>The Secret Hour (Midnighters Series) by Scott Westerfeld Upon moving to Bixby, Oklahoma, fifteen-year-old Jessica Day learns that she is one in a special group born at the stroke of midnight who can roam the town at a secret hour while others sleep--and that she must fight the evil creatures who share her power. (<i>Horror</i>)</p>	<p>The Rag and Bone Shop by Robert Cormier Trent, an ace interrogator from Vermont, works to procure a confession from an introverted twelve-year-old accused of murdering his seven-year-old friend in Monument, Massachusetts. (<i>Mystery</i>)</p>
<p>The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death. (<i>Sci-Fi</i>)</p>	<p>Hole in my Life by Jack Gantos The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer. (<i>Autobiography</i>)</p>
<p>The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, becomes caught in a web of magical espionage, murder, and rebellion, after he summons the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Loveland. (<i>Fantasy</i>)</p>	<p>Lemonade Mouth by Mark Peter Hughes A disparate group of high school students thrown together in detention form a band to play at a school talent show and end up competing with a wildly popular local rock band. (<i>Humor</i>)</p>

Annotations from: Follett Titlewave

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Summer Reading 2009-10 Program Criteria
Students Entering Grades 10, 11, and 12

1. All students must read one book from the list appropriate to the level they are entering.
2. On **September 2 and 3**, teachers will collect a list of the books students read over the summer. (Be sure you know the title and author!)
3. Students will be tested on **September 4 and 5**.
4. The assessment will be ten questions and will be graded as pass/fail. 70% is needed to pass.
5. This assessment is worth 10% of the first quarter grade.
6. Transfer/Out of District students will take the essay assessment on the 24th and 25th for full credit.