

**Chariho Regional High School**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Summer Reading 2009**  
 (Students Entering 11th Grade Honors 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade HONORS 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><b>Sister Carrie</b> by Theodore Dreiser The story of a young woman from Wisconsin, who goes to Chicago, becomes an actress, marries and goes to New York, and when her husband loses his job, goes onstage again. <i>(Classic Literature/Adventure)</i></p>	<p><b>The Hot Zone : A Terrifying True Story</b> by Robert Preston Tells the dramatic story of U.S. Army scientists and soldiers who worked to stop the outbreak of a deadly and extremely contagious virus in 1989. <i>(Non-Fiction/Science Adventure)</i></p>
<p><b>Bury my heart at Wounded Knee : An Indian History of the American West</b> by Dee Alexander Brown. Traces the white man's conquest of the Indians of the American West, emphasizing the causes, events, and effects of the major Indian Wars leading to the symbolic end of Indian freedom at Wounded Knee. <i>(Non-Fiction/Native American)</i></p>	<p><b>Heretics Daughter</b> by Kathleen Kent Ten-year-old Sarah Chapman, recovering from smallpox in 1752, becomes caught up in another life and death battle when her mother, Martha, is accused of witchcraft by her uncle who wants the plot of land on which the Chapman family is living, and the rest of the community, looking for a scapegoat for their own troubles, joins the campaign to have Martha hanged. <i>(Historical Fiction)</i></p>
<p><b>All the King's Men</b> by Robert Penn Warren Willie Stark, a well-intentioned idealistic back-country lawyer is unable to resist greed for power and lust for politics during his rise and fall as an American demagogue. <i>(Historical Fiction)</i></p>	<p><b>The Jungle</b> by Upton Sinclair Describes the conditions of the Chicago stockyards through the eyes of a young immigrant struggling in America. <i>(Historical Fiction)</i></p>
<p><b>Slapstick, or, Lonesome No More!</b> by Kurt Vonnegut In a future time, a former President of the United States writes his memoirs, including an explanation of how, as President, he was forced to sell the original Louisiana Purchase lands to the King of Michigan. <i>(Science Fiction)</i></p>	<p><b>A Prayer for Owen Meany</b> by John Irving An eleven-year-old boy, Owen Meany, hits a foul ball that kills his best friend's mother during a Little League game in 1953. Owen believes he was God's instrument during the incident. <i>(Coming of Age/Humor)</i></p>
<p><b>Water for Elephants</b> by Sara Gruen Ninety-year-old Jacob Jankowski finds himself haunted by memories of his past in the circus and the freaks, exotic animals, and other people he encountered as a performer. <i>(Realistic Fiction/Adventure)</i></p>	<p><b>East of Eden</b> by John Steinbeck The saga of three generations of the Trask and Hamilton families in the early 1900s in Northern California. <i>(Historical Fiction)</i></p>

Annotations from: Follett Titlewave

**Chariho Regional High School  
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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for full credit.**