

Chariho Regional High School
12th Grade Honors Summer Reading 2009
 (Students Entering 12th 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 12th 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>Life of Pi by Yann Martell Pi Patel, having spent an idyllic childhood in Pondicherry, India, as the son of a zookeeper, sets off with his family at the age of sixteen to start anew in Canada, but his life takes a marvelous turn when their ship sinks in the Pacific, leaving him adrift on a raft with a 450-pound Bengal tiger for company. (<i>Adventure</i>)</p>	<p>Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde An exquisitely beautiful young man in Victorian England retains his youthful and innocent appearance over the years while his portrait reflects both his age and evil soul as he pursues a life of decadence and corruption. (<i>Horror</i>)</p>
<p>Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. (<i>Mystery/Humor</i>)</p>	<p>The Historian by Elizabeth Kostova A young woman discovers an ancient book and a cache of old letters in her father's library, and thus begins her adventurous quest for the truth about Vlad the Impaler, a search that will span continents and generations, and a confrontation with the darkest powers of evil. (<i>Historical Fiction/Mystery/Adventure</i>)</p>
<p>A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini A novel set against the three decades of Afghanistan's history shaped by Soviet occupation, civil war, and the Taliban, which tells the stories of two women, Mariam and Laila, who grow close despite their nineteen-year age difference and initial rivalry as they suffer at the hand of a common enemy: their abusive husband. (<i>Historical Fiction/Multicultural</i>)</p>	<p>The Unforgiving Minute by Craig Mullaney The author provides an account of his experiences as a soldier, a profession he sees as a spiritual calling, discussing his training and education at West Point and Oxford, describing his feelings about the realities of combat during his service as a lieutenant in Afghanistan, and sharing his thoughts as a veteran. He grew up in rural Rhode Island and is a graduate of Bishop Hendricken. (<i>Memoir/War Story</i>)</p>
<p>The Tender Bar by J. R. Moehringer The author presents his memoirs of growing up without his father and finding himself looking for male role models among the regulars at Publicans, a Manhasset, Long Island bar. (<i>Memoir/Coming of Age</i>)</p>	<p>Kaffir Boy: the true story of a Black youth's coming of age in Apartheid South Africa by Mark Mathabane The author recreates his boyhood experiences in South Africa. (<i>Memoir/Multicultural</i>)</p>
<p>The Collector by John Fowles Ferdinand has always loved collecting butterflies, but when he becomes obsessed with a young college student, he decides to add her to his collection, against her wishes. (<i>Mystery/Suspense</i>)</p>	<p>Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi The author presents a memoir of her life in post-revolutionary Iran, focusing on her organization of a group of young women in 1997 who met secretly once a week to read and discuss forbidden works of Western literature. (<i>Memoir/Multicultural</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 24th and 25th for full credit.**