

Chariho Regional High School

12th Grade Summer Reading 2009

(Students Entering 12th 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 12th 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>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>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>Lady MacBeth by Susan Fraser King A novel which imagines the life of Rue, the last female descendent of Scotland's most royal line, who is forced into marriage with her husband's murderer, the warlord Macbeth, who is depending on his wife's royal blood to help him become king--a goal toward which she is willing to put all her resources. <i>(Historical Fiction)</i></p>	<p>Keeping Faith by Jodi Picoult Seven-year-old Faith White, the object of a custody battle, becomes the focus of a much larger controversy when she begins quoting from the Bible, develops stigmata, and appears to be able to perform miraculous healings. <i>(Fiction)</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 Summoning by Kelley Armstrong After fifteen-year-old Chloe starts seeing ghosts and is sent to Lyle House, a mysterious group home for mentally disturbed teenagers, she soon discovers that neither Lyle House nor its inhabitants are exactly what they seem, and that she and her new friends are in danger. <i>(Horror)</i></p>
<p>Black Elk Speaks by John Neihardt Black Elk, a Sioux holy man, shares his own life story and the story of the Oglala Sioux during the tragic decades of the Custer battle, the ghost dance, and the Wounded Knee massacre, and relates many aspects of Native American spirituality. <i>(Non-Fiction)</i></p>	<p>Three Little Words by Ashley Rhodes-Courter Ashley Rhodes-Courter provides an account of her life, focusing on the nine years she spent in Florida's foster care system after being removed from her mother at the age of three and explaining how her life changed after she was adopted. <i>(Memoir/Coming of Age)</i></p>
<p>Prey by Michael Crichton A cloud of nanoparticles programmed as a predator and capable of self-reproduction escapes from a Nevada laboratory and makes the human population its target. <i>(Suspense)</i></p>	<p>The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho The exotic tale of an Andalusian shepherd boy who follows his dream and meets an alchemist. <i>(Adventure/Fable)</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.**