

## Ninth Grade CHS Summer Reading List 2009

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 people and the more you read, the better readers and writers you 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 the 9<sup>th</sup> grade **are required** to read one book from the list. Students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade English HONORS **are required** to read two books with one selection being from the titles in italics in the gray boxes below.

**Assessment:** During the first week of September, students will be assessed with a ten question test related to the title(s) they've read. 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 employ a chart or color system to facilitate quick and easy reference.

These books are available at your local public library or bookstore.

<p><b>You Don't Know Me</b> by David Klass RL: 7.2 Fourteen-year-old John creates alternative realities in his mind as he tries to deal with his mother's abusive boyfriend, his crush on a beautiful, but shallow classmate and other problems at school.</p>	<p><b>Lord Loss (Demonata Series)</b> by Darren Shan RL: 7.0 Presumably the only witness to the horrific and bloody murder of his entire family, a teenage boy must outwit not only the mental health professionals determined to cure his delusion, but also the demonic forces only he can see.</p>
<p><b>Silverfin</b> by Charlie Higson RL: 6.7 Young James Bond attends school at the prestigious Eton boarding school, and teams up with Red to investigate the mystery of the disappearance of a boy, Alfie Kelly, Red's cousin, allegedly linked to a madman with a plot for global domination.</p>	<p><b>Make Lemonade</b> by Virginia Euwer Wolff RL: 5.2 Fourteen-year-old LaVaughn, trying to earn the money for college, takes a job caring for the two children of Jolly, a single teenage mom, and must find the courage to make the right decision for all of them after Jolly is fired.</p>
<p><b>Crossing the Wire</b> by Will Hobbs RL: 4.4 Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico.</p>	<p><b>Ender's Game</b> by Orson Scott Card RL: 5.0 Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy.</p>
<p><i><b>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</b> by Maya Angelou RL: 9.0 Poet Maya Angelou chronicles her childhood in 1930s rural Arkansas which was filled with disappointment, frustration, tragedy and finally hard won independence.</i></p>	<p><i><b>The Sea Wolf</b> by Jack London RL: 8.0 Humphrey Van Weyden, having endured weeks of brutality at the hands of Captain Wolf Larsen, decides to take desperate measures to save himself and rest of the crew aboard the "Ghost."</i></p>
<p><i><b>The Color of Water</b> by James McBride RL: AD An African-American male tells of his mother, a white woman, who refused to admit her true identity.</i></p>	<p><i><b>The Contender</b> by Robert Lipsyte RL: 5.0 After a successful start in a boxing career, a Harlem high school dropout decides that competing in the ring isn't enough in life and resolves to aim for different goals.</i></p>