

May, 2018

Dear Pelham Memorial High School Students and Parents/Guardians:

Reading is not only a medium for transmitting information but also a way to travel into worlds beyond our own, nurturing our imaginations, our minds, and our spirits. While reading we can explore other cultures, new ideas, or unfamiliar people facing challenges similar to our own. We find these experiences in various genres of literature. Whether it is a story of a struggle for civil rights in America, as in Ernest Gaines' *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, or a struggle for virtue in a Tolkien novel like *Lord of the Rings*, reading has the power to capture our curiosity and to help us see our world differently.

To encourage these journeys, we are providing a reading list of suggested titles to guide you in your choices. We hope it will provide a starting point to help you find books of interest. There are numerous resources for discovering titles, beginning with the librarians at the Pelham Public Library and your English teachers.

Pelham Library is one of thirty-eight public member libraries in Westchester County that belong to the Westchester Library System (WLS). Your library card will enable you to borrow materials from any public library in Westchester, or you can place a book on hold and pick up other libraries' materials at the Pelham Library. The WLS can be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection by going to www.westchesterlibraries.org. In addition, WLS has an interlibrary loan (ILL) program that can help you find books not available in the WLS member libraries at no charge.

Parents, we urge you to explore reading this summer with your child. Browsing titles at the Public Library, a local bookstore, or online is an opportunity to support good reading choices. Some of the titles may also be available as audiobooks and would make wonderful listening on long trips. You may also want to read the books your child selects so you can talk about them together.

We ask that all PMHS students read at least three books of their choice over the summer. Incoming 11th grade AP English students should read one book from the 11AP Nonfiction List and one book from the 11AP Fiction List, along with one other book of their choice. Incoming 12th grade AP English students must read and annotate the three required books (*How to Read Literature like a Professor*, *The Bean Trees*, and *The Glass Castle*) as well as two other challenging books from either of the AP lists for a total of five (read and annotated). Incoming SUPA Academic Writing students should read *The Glass Castle* and three other books of their choice. Incoming SUPA Presentational Speaking students will have required reading. These choices will be communicated soon. Over the summer, each student should complete the form included with his or her parent or guardian. These forms will be collected during the first week of school in September.

We wish you many hours of enjoyable reading this summer!

Sincerely,

The Pelham Memorial High School English Department

PMHS SUMMER READING FORM

Please complete this form as legibly as possible. Your English teacher will collect it during the first week of school.

Student Name: _____

Book Title #1 _____

Author _____

Book Title #2 _____

Author _____

Book Title #3 _____

Author _____

Book Title #4 (AP 12/SUPA only) _____

Author _____

Book Title #5 (AP 12 only) _____

Author _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____

TEACHERS' FAVORITES

Here are some books specially chosen by members of the English Department. If you've had a particular teacher before and think you have similar taste, this may help you make your choice! We ask that all PMHS students read at least three books of their choice over the summer.

Mr. Thomas Beck

The Bonesetter's Daughter – Amy Tan
The Girl Who Fell From the Sky – Heidi Durrow
Half Broke Horses – Jeanette Walls
An Ideal Husband – Oscar Wilde
The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini
The Namesake – Jhumpa Lahiri
Tender is the Night – F. Scott Fitzgerald
A Thousand Splendid Suns – Khaled Hosseini
The Goldfinch - Donna Tartt

Mr. Bryan Sans

Dracula – Bram Stoker
Dubliners – James Joyce
On the Road – Jack Kerouac
On Writing – Stephen King
Outliers – Malcolm Gladwell
The Once and Future King – T.H. White
The Tender Bar – J.R. Moehringer
The Trial – Franz Kafka

Ms. Nicole Wasnetsky

The Age of Innocence – Edith Wharton
The Bonesetter's Daughter – Amy Tan
The History of Love – Nicole Krauss
Of Love and Other Demons – Gabriel Garcia Marquez
The Poisonwood Bible – Barbara Kingsolver
Reading Lolita in Tehran – Azar Nafisi
Sense and Sensibility – Jane Austen
Siddhartha – Herman Hesse
Silas Marner – George Eliot
Tender is the Night – F. Scott Fitzgerald
Timbuktu – Paul Auster

Mr. Neil Schleifer

Eleanor & Park - Rainbow Rowell
Canoeing with the Cree by Eric Servareid
How I Live Now - Meg Rosoff
Call of the Wild by Jack London
I Am Malala - Malala Yousafzai
A Separate Peace by John Knowles
I Capture the Castle - Dodie Smith
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks - Rebecca Skloot
In Darkness - Nick Lake
Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns
The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender - Leslye Walton
The Time Machine – H.G. Wells
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn - Betty Smith

Ms. Courtney Kiessler

Angela's Ashes – Frank McCourt
Even Cowgirls Get the Blues – Tom Robbins
Girl, Interrupted – Susanna Kaysen
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn – Betty Smith
The Vampire Lestat – Anne Rice
Interview with the Vampire -- Anne Rice
A Long Way Gone -- Ishmael Beah
Cutting for Stone -- Abraham Verghese
Out of the Dust -- Karen Hesse
The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath -- Karen Kukil

Ms. Cami O'Brien

The Agony and the Ecstasy - Irving Stone
Anne Sexton: A Biography - Diane Middlebrook
The Autobiography of Malcolm X - Malcolm X
A Doll's House - Henrik Ibsen (play)
The Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls
The Gold Cell - Sharon Olds (poetry)
The Goldfinch - Donna Tartt
The Good Kiss - George Bilgere (poetry)
The Girl on the Train - Paula Hawkins
Herland - Charlotte Perkins Gilman
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents - Julia Alvarez
In the Time of Butterflies - Julia Alvarez
Like Water for Chocolate - Laura Esquivel
Long Day's Journey into Night - Eugene O'Neill (play)
Love Poems - Anne Sexton (poetry)
Memoirs of a Geisha - Arthur Golden
A Secret History - Donna Tartt
She's Come Undone - Wally Lamb
So We Read On: How The Great Gatsby Came to Be and Why It Endures - Maureen Corrigan
Tell Me: Poems - Kim Addonizio (poetry)
Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair - Pablo Neruda (poetry)

Ms. Tara Carmody

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao - Junot Díaz
Brideshead Revisited - Evelyn Waugh
Just Kids - Patti Smith
Atonement - Ian McEwan
Howards End - E.M. Forster
The Good Soldier - Ford Madox Ford
Mrs. Dalloway - Virginia Woolf
On the Road - Jack Kerouac
In Cold Blood - Truman Capote
A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius - Dave Eggers
One Hundred Years of Solitude - Gabriel García Márquez
Empire Falls - Richard Russo
Me Talk Pretty One Day - David Sedaris
A Prayer for Owen Meany - John Irving
The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter – Carson McCullers
Native Son – Richard Wright
The Hours - Michael Cunningham
Tess of the D'Urbervilles – Thomas Hardy

Mr. Brian Powers

The Alienist - Caleb Carr
Angela's Ashes - Frank McCourt
The Count of Monte Cristo - Alexandre Dumas
Dracula - Bram Stoker
A Game of Thrones - George R.R. Martin
The Help - Kathryn Stockett
Imperium - Robert Harris
In Cold Blood – Truman Capote
In the Garden of Beasts - Erik Larson
Into Thin Air - John Krakauer
The Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini
The Last Lecture - Randy Pausch
A Long Way Gone - Ishmeal Beah
New York - Edward Rutherford
Salem's Lot - Stephen King
The Whiskey Rebels - David Liss
The Wolf Gift - Anne Rice
Tuesdays with Morrie - Mitch Albom
Unbroken – Laura Hillenbrand

Ms. Ren Strachan

Interpreter of Maladies - Jhumpa Lahiri (Short Stories)
To Say Nothing of the Dog - Connie Willis
Lipstick Jihad - Azadeh Moaveni (Memoir)
Adam Bede - George Eliot
She's Not There - Jennifer Finney Boylan (Memoir)
Blind Assassin - Margaret Atwood
Americanah - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Speak - Laurie Halse Anderson
Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury
Wuthering Heights - Emily Brontë
The Golden Compass, The Subtle Knife, & The Amber Spyglass -
Phillip Pullman
Mrs. Dalloway - Virginia Woolf
Cloud Atlas - David Mitchell
Julius Caesar - Shakespeare (Play)
Salt: A World History - Mark Kurlansky (Non-Fiction)
A History of the World in 6 Glasses - Tom Standage (Non-Fiction)
The Stormlight Archive - Brandon Sanderson (Fantasy)

Advanced Placement 11 Language Summer Reading List

All incoming 11th grade AP students should choose ONE book from EACH of the lists below.

11AP NON-FICTION CHOICES FOR SUMMER READING

1. Grealy, Lucy - *Autobiography of a Face*
2. Skloot, Rebecca - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
3. Eggers, Dave - *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*
4. Didion, Joan - *The Year of Magical Thinking*
5. Hillenbrand, Laura - *Seabiscuit: An American Legend*

11AP FICTION CHOICES FOR SUMMER READING

1. Chabon, Michael - *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*
2. Kennedy Toole, John - *A Confederacy of Dunces*
3. George Orwell's *1984*
4. Wharton, Edith - *The Age of Innocence*

You will be required to write a well-organized essay using analysis of the two texts you choose in order to argue one side of an issue/topic. Please make sure that you take detailed notes as you read.

SUPA Practices of Academic Writing Summer Reading List

Incoming 12th grade SUPA Practices of Academic Writing students are required to read:

1. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.
2. Three other books OF YOUR CHOICE

SUPA Presentational Speaking Summer Reading List

SUPA Presentational Speaking will have required reading over the summer. This required reading list will be shared and available by the beginning of June 2018.

Advanced Placement 12 Literature

Summer Reading List

All incoming 12th grade AP students are required to read the following 3 books:

1. *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster (READ THIS ONE FIRST)
2. *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver
3. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.

In addition to these 3 books, all incoming 12th grade AP students are required to choose two additional books from this list OR of comparable literary complexity to the ones suggested.

Albee, Edward - *A Delicate Balance; Seascape*

Allison, Dorothy - *Bastard Out of Carolina; Cavedweller*

Alvarez, Julia - *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents; In the Time of the Butterflies; In the Name of Salome*

Amis, Martin - *Time's Arrow*

Anam, Tahmima - *A Golden Age*

Atwood, Margaret - *Cat's Eye; The Robber Bridegroom; Oryx and Crake; Alias Grace*

Balakian, Peter - *Black Dog of Fate* (non-fiction) Bragg, Rick - *All Over but the Shoutin'* (memoir) Brooks, Geraldine - *March*

Burnham, James - *The Commoner*

Camus, Albert - *The Plague*

Casey, John - *Spartina; The Half Life of Happiness*

Chevalier, Tracy - *Girl with the Pearl Earring; Falling Angels*

Cisneros, Sandra - *Caramelo*

Coetzee, J.M. - *Disgrace; Waiting for the Barbarians*

Conway, Jill Ker - *The Road from Coorain* (non-fiction)

Cronin, Justin - *The Summer Guest*

Cunningham, Michael - *The Hours*

Dickens, Charles - *Bleak House; Nicholas Nickleby*

Dillard, Annie - *An American Childhood* (non-fiction)

Doctorow, E.L. - *Billy Bathgate; World's Fair; The Waterworks; City of God; The March*

Dostoevsky, Fyodor - *Crime and Punishment; The Brothers Karamazov*

Eliot, George - *Middlemarch; Silas Marner; Adam Bede*

Ellison, Ralph - *Invisible Man*

Erdrich, Louise - *Love Medicine; Bingo Palace; The Antelope Wife; The Last Report on Miracles at Little No Horse; The Master Butchers Singing Club; Four Souls; The Painted Drum; The Plague of Doves*

Esquivel, Laura - *Like Water for Chocolate*

Fitzgerald, F. Scott - *Tender Is the Night; The Last Tycoon*

Forster, E. M. – *A Passage to India; A Room with a View*

Fowler, Connie May - *Before Women Had Wings; Remembering Blue*

Fowler, Karen Joy - *The Jane Austen Book Club*

Frazier, Charles - *Cold Mountain; Thirteen Moons*

Fugard, Athol - *Master Harold...and the Boys; The Road to Mecca*

Gay, William - *The Long Home; Provinces of Night*

Glass, Julia - *Three Junes; The Whole World Over*

Gordimer, Nadine - *July's People; Burger's Daughter*

Greene, Graham - *A Burnt-Out Case; The Power and the Glory*

Hamill, Pete - *North River*

Hamilton, Jane - *The Book of Ruth; A Map of the World; The Short History of a Prince; Disobedience; When Madeline Was Young*

Hardy, Thomas - *Jude the Obscure; The Return of the Native*

Hawthorne, Nathaniel - *The Blithedale Romance; The House of the Seven Gables*

Haruf, Kent - *Plainsong; Eventide*

Heller, Joseph – *Catch-22*

Ibsen, Henrik - *A Doll's House; The Master Builder; Ghosts*

Irving, John - *The Cider House Rules; A Prayer for Owen Meany; A Widow for One Year; The Fourth Hand*

James, Henry - *Portrait of a Lady*

Jin, Ha - *Waiting*

Joyce, James - *Ulysses; Dubliners*

King, Dave - *The Ha-Ha*

Kingsolver, Barbara - *The Poisonwood Bible; The Prodigal Summer*

Kingston, Maxine Hong - *The Woman Warrior*

Lahiri, Jhumpa - *The Namesake*

Lawrence, D. H. - *Sons and Lovers; The Rainbow*

Lee, Chang-Rae - *A Gesture Life; Aloft*

Lent, Jeffrey - *In the Fall*

Lessing, Doris - *The Grandmothers*

Mann, Thomas - *Death in Venice*

McCarthy, Cormac - *All the Pretty Horses; No Country for Old Men*

McDermott, Alice - *Charming Billy; Child of My Heart*

McEwan, Ian - *Atonement; Saturday; On Chesil Beach*

Moehring, J.R. - *The Tender Bar (memoir)*

Morrison, Toni - *Tar Baby; Paradise; Love*

Mukherjee, Bharati - *The Tree Bride; Desirable Daughters*

Naslund, Sena Jeter - *Ahab's Wife or The Star Gazer; Four Spirits*

Noel, Katharine - *Halfway House*

Oates, Joyce Carol - *Myra; We Were the Mulvaney's; Bellefleur*

O'Neill, Eugene - *Long Day's Journey into Night; A Moon for the Misbegotten*

Price, Richard - *Lush Life*

Roy, Lucinda - *The Hotel Alleluia*

Russo, Richard - *Bridge of Sighs*

Shaw, George B. - *Pygmalion; Saint Joan; Man and Superman*

Sittenfeld, Curtis - *Prep*

Smiley, Jane - *A Thousand Acres, Moo*

Smith, Zadie - *On Beauty*

Stoppard, Tom - *Arcadia*

Styron, William - *Sophie's Choice*

Tolstoy, Leo - *Anna Karenina*

Tsukiyama, Gail - *The Street of a Thousand Blossoms*

Tyler, Anne - *The Accidental Tourist; Breathing Lessons; Saint Maybe; Back When We Were Grown Ups; The Amateur Marriage; Digging to America*

Updike, John - *Rabbit Run; The Centaur*

Walker, Alice - *Possessing the Secret of Joy; Temple of My Familiar*

Waugh, Evelyn - *Brideshead Revisited; Scoop; The Loved One*

Wharton, Edith - *The Age of Innocence; The House of Mirth*

Wilde, Oscar - *Lady Windermere's Fan; An Ideal Husband*

Williams, Tennessee - *Suddenly Last Summer; Sweet Bird of Youth*

Wilson, August - *The Piano Lesson, Seven Guitars; Two Trains Running*

Woolf, Virginia - *To the Lighthouse; Mrs. Dalloway*

Wright, Stephen - *Meditations in Green*