

It's that time of year; time to think about summer reading!

Depending on whether you are enrolled in a college prep or honors/UConn English class for the 2018-2019 school year, you will be responsible for reading either one or two books over the summer and taking **high quality** notes to be used in a Socratic Seminar. It is crucial you do this assignment well, since **your summer reading Socratic seminar(s) will be your first grade for the 2018-2019 school year.**

Enjoy your summer reading, and get off to a great start for the new school year!

Assigned texts:

- Incoming Freshmen (Current 8th Graders)
 - *The House on Mango Street*, Sandra Cisneros (Everybody)
 - *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak (Honors only)

- Incoming Sophomores (Current Freshmen)
 - *Grendel*, John Gardner (Everybody)
 - *Wuthering Heights*, Emily Brontë (Honors only)

- Incoming Juniors (Current Sophomores)
 - *The Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway (Everybody)
 - *Of Mice and Men*, John Steinbeck (Honors only)

- Incoming Seniors (Current Juniors)
 - *The Alchemist*, Paulo Coelho (Everybody)
 - *The Stranger*, Albert Camus (UConn only)



You are free to use any edition of the assigned texts, including Kindle or e-books. The town library has many copies of these texts. If you wish to purchase a text, you may do that as well. We will be hosting a book fair, sponsored by RJ Julia Booksellers on Tuesday, June 12 through Thursday, June 14 in our Library from 9am-12noon. You will be able to purchase summer reading titles there as well as "RJ Julia Hot Picks." Cash, Charge (everything but Discover accepted), checks made out to RJ Julia Booksellers.

Whatever edition of the text you read, use the attached packet(s) to complete your notes for the Socratic seminar.

Summer reading, including notes for the Socratic seminar, is due on the first day of school.