

Monroe Township High School
Summer Reading List
2011

Each standard level student must read one of the choices designated for the grade level and complete a journal project.

Each honors level student must read the honors level book designated for the grade level AND one of the standard level choices. The journal project must be completed for the standard level book. The honors level book will be assessed through an in-class essay.

World Studies, American Studies I, and American studies II have specified novels for the course and are responsible for reading those novels. These students DO NOT have to read the standard level book. The journal project must be completed for the Language Arts reading. Students will be assessed through an in-class evaluation for the Social Studies reading.

AP students have specified novels for the course and are responsible for reading those novels. AP students DO NOT have to read the standard level books. AP students DO NOT have to do the journal project. Students will be assessed through in-class essays on the readings.

Freshmen Standard

Speak – Laurie Anderson
Purple Heart-Patricia McCormick
The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins

Freshmen Honors

The Color of Water-James McBride
AND choose one of the books from the standard list

World Studies

The Good Earth – Pearl S. Buck (Language Arts)
Cry, The Beloved Country – Alan Paton (Social Studies)

Sophomore Standard

Chains - Laurie Anderson
Unwind – Neil Shusterman
Streams of Babel – Carol Plum-Ucci

Sophomore Honors

The Ditchdigger's Daughter – Yvonne S. Thornton
AND choose one of the books from the standard list

American Studies I

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn – Betty Smith (Language Arts)

The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass – Frederick Douglass (Social Studies)

Junior Standard

Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil-Deborah Rodriguez

The Book Thief – Markus Zusak

The Book of Lost Things – John Connolly

Junior Honors

Animal Dreams – Barbara Kingsolver

AND choose one of the books from the standard list

American Studies II

Their Eyes Were Watching God – Zora Neal Hurston (Language Arts)

Nickel & Dimed – Barbara Ehrenreich (Social Studies)

Advanced Placement Juniors

My Antonia – Willa Cather

An American Childhood – Annie Dillard

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Assignment: As you read, keep a double entry reading log. On the left side, Notes – What is happening in the writing? These notes might focus on style, figurative language, notable quotations, etc. Perhaps a brief summary or paraphrase of the material. On the right, keep a running commentary – this is what you think about the writing as you’re reading. Ask questions. Converse with the text. Consider this your place to “think out loud on paper.” Do this as you’re reading. This assignment is due on the first day of class.

Senior Standard

The Glass Castle – Jeanette Walls

The Pact – Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Lisa Frazier Page, Rameck Hunt

Sold – Patricia McCormick

Senior Honors

Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant – Anne Tyler

Chronicle of a Death Foretold – Gabriel García Márquez translated by Gregory Rabassa

Advanced Placement Seniors

The Wild Palms – William Faulkner

God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater – Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.