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**Melrose High School
2010**

English Language Arts Summer Reading List

All students will be assessed on their summer reading during the first week of school in September in their English classes. You will write a cohesive, well-developed essay that addresses one or more of the non-required reading books. Your knowledge of the required reading book will be tested in the course of daily English classes.

Students Entering Grade 9:

Required Reading for All Students in All Levels: *Forgotten Fire* by Adam Bagdasian

College Preparatory Level: Choose one other title from the list below.

Honors Level: Choose two other titles from the list below.

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Blue Is for Nightmares by Laurie Faria Stolarz

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Obasan by Joy Kogawa

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Students Entering Grade 10

Required Reading for All Students in All Levels: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

College Preparatory Level: Choose one other title from the list below.

Honors Level: Choose two other titles from the list below.

Annie John by Jamaica Kincaid

Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher

Tomorrow, Maybe by Brian James

The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver

The Color of Water by James McBride

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Students Entering Grade 11

Required Reading for All Students in All Levels except AP: *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen

College Preparatory Level: Choose one other title from the list below.

Honors Level: Choose two other titles from the list below.

Dreams of My Father by Barack Obama

Kindred by Octavia Butler

Dark Angel by David Klass

A Certain Slant of Light by Laura Whitcomb

Run by Ann Patchett

In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

Students Entering Grade 11 Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

(AP students are required to read all titles and complete any assignments the AP teacher requires.)

Required Reading: *Growing Up* by Russell Baker
 An American Childhood by Annie Dillard
 The Autobiography of Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley
 Hiroshima by John Hersey
 The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston

Students Entering Grade 12

Required Reading for All Students in All Levels except AP: *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

College Preparatory Level: Choose one other title from the list below.
Honors Level: Choose two other titles from the list below.

All Souls by Michael Patrick MacDonald
The Road by Cormac McCarthy
Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
Brother, I'm Dying by Edwidge Danticat
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khalid Hosseini
Odd Girl Out by Rachel Simmons

Students Entering Grade 12 Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition

(AP students are required to read all titles and complete any assignments the AP teacher requires.)

Required Reading: *Wit* by Margaret Edson
 As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
 Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri
 The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
 In the Lake of the Woods by Tim O'Brien