



Hawthorne Valley School

H.S. SUMMER READING LIST 2016

You may read any book on the list.

Underlined selections are only for 9th and 10th graders

FICTION

Adams, Richard	<i>Watership Down</i> - a popular modern classic
Adiche, Chimamanda Ngozi	<i>Americanah</i> - a political, racial, and historical love story set in Nigeria
Allende, Isabel	<i>House of the Spirits</i> - magical realism style, four generations of the Trueba family
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Speak</i> - a young girl grapples with pain and the courage to speak up
Atwood, Margaret	<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> - a futuristic dystopia
Austen, Jane	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> - 19 th c. England- story of morality, love, and manners
<u>Bauer, Joan</u>	<u><i>Hope Was Here</i>- young girl growing up in a small town in Wisconsin</u>
Boyne, John	<i>The Boy in Striped Pajamas</i>
Bronte, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i> - critically acclaimed, coming of age story of a young woman
Bronte, Emily	<i>Wuthering Heights</i> - unforgettable Gothic tale of love and revenge
Brooks, Max	<i>World War Z</i> - apocalyptic horror about a Zombie War
<u>Buck, Pearl</u>	<u><i>The Good Earth</i>- acclaimed epic novel of life in pre-Communist China</u>
<u>Card, Orson Scott</u>	<u><i>Ender's Game</i>- military science fiction</u>
Cather, Willa	<i>My Antonia</i> - unique coming of age with an interesting point of view narration
<u>Chbosky, Stephen</u>	<u><i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i>- set in early nineties, about an unconventional thinker</u>
Chevalier, Tracy	<i>Girl with a Pearl Earring</i> - great read about Vermeer and one of his models
Chopin, Kate	<i>The Awakening</i> - considered a radical novel in its time, still challenging today
Conrad, Joseph	<i>Lord Jim</i> - an abandoned ship and a man struggling to find himself
Conroy, Patrick	<i>Beach Music</i> - absorbing, thought-provoking tale of a man searching for a secret
Cooper, James Fenimore	<i>Last of the Mohicans</i> - classic story set during the French and Indian War
Defoe, Daniel	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i> - the castaway story
<u>Diamant, Anita</u>	<u><i>The Red Tent</i>- first person narrative of Dinah, biblically allusive</u>
Dickens, Charles	<i>Great Expectations</i> - absorbing novel of love, ambition, intrigue, and revenge
Diffenbaugh, Vanessa	<i>The Language of Flowers</i> - a woman whose gift for flowers changes those around her
Dinesen, Isak	<i>Out of Africa</i> - love story against the backdrop of early 20 th century Africa
<u>Dorris, Michael</u>	<u><i>A Yellow Raft in Blue Water</i>- coming-of-age for a Native American girl</u>
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor	<i>Crime and Punishment</i> - classic Russian novel of murder and mental torment
Early, Tony	<i>Jim the Boy</i> - coming of age in 1934 North Carolina
Esquivel, Laura	<i>Like Water for Chocolate</i> - exquisite first novel, set in Mexico, love story
Foer, Jonathan Safran	<i>Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close</i> - a young boy's search for memories
Frazier, Charles	<i>Cold Mountain</i> - sweeping, best-selling Civil War love story
Gardner, John	<i>Grendel</i> - the most terrifying monster, from <i>Beowulf</i> , tells his side of the story
<u>Green, John</u>	<u><i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>- a heartbreaking yet charming love story</u>
Greene, Graham	<i>The Heart of the Matter</i> - a man's faith is put to the test, by a masterful writer
Haddon, Mark	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime</i> - autistic boy solves mystery
<u>Hamilton, Virginia</u>	<u><i>Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush</i>- supernatural story of a girl and Brother Rush</u>
Heller, Joseph	<i>Catch 22</i> - World War II, wildly funny (but also dark)
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>For Whom the Bell Tolls</i> - set in Spanish Civil War
<u>Hersey, John</u>	<u><i>A Bell for Adano</i>- set in Sicily right after World War II</u>

Hosseini, Khaled	<i>The Kite Runner</i> - 2003 story about Afghanistan
Hulme, Keri	<i>Te Kaihau/The Wendeater</i> - set in New Zealand
Irving, John	<i>A Prayer for Owen Meaney</i> - two boys' strange and wonderful friendship
Jin, Ha	<i>Waiting</i> - contrast between Chinese city & country life, story of three people
Joyce, James	<i>Ulysses</i> - voted the best 20 th century novel in English (<u>caution</u> : very challenging)
Kennedy, William	<i>Ironweed</i> - a vagrant during the Great Depression tries to find his way back to his family
Kerouac, Jack	<i>On the Road</i> - the modern "road book"
Kesey, Ken	<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> - a rebel in a hospital mental ward
Keyes, Daniel	<i>Flowers for Algernon</i> - experiment transforms handicapped man into a genius
Kidd, Sue Monk	<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> - set in the south in the 60s, a coming of age story
Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>The Bean Trees</i> - a young woman's search for herself on the road
Le Guin, Ursula	<i>Seafood</i> - story of the dreams and sorrows of the inhabitants of Klatsland, OR
London, Jack	<i>The Sea-Wolf</i> - psychological sea adventure
Martel, Yann	<i>The Life of Pi</i> - a boy on a raft with a zebra, a hyena, an orangutan, and a tiger
Marquez, Gabriel Garcia	<i>Chronicle of a Death Foretold</i> - murder, love, and mystery
Maurier, Daphne du	<i>Rebecca</i> - a flashback love story
McCarthy, Cormac	<i>The Road</i> - postapocalyptic science fiction, father and son journey through devastation
McCullers, Carson	<i>The Heart is a Lonely Hunter</i> - the struggles of four central characters living in Georgia
Millman, Dan	<i>Way of the Peaceful Warrior</i> -based on true story of athlete who challenges body/mind
Morrison, Toni	<i>Song of Solomon</i> - a deeply emotional story of a boy suffering from the past and future
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Fallen Angels</i> - about the agonies of combat in Vietnam
Oates, Joyce Carol	<i>We Were the Mulvaney</i> - a family's fall from grace
O'Brien, Tim	<i>The Things They Carried</i> - unparalleled Vietnam testament, classic study of men at war
Palacio, R. J.	<i>Wonder</i> - funny and sad, a story of a boy who is just like everyone else
Plath, Sylvia	<i>The Bell Jar</i> - shocking and emotional novel about a woman falling into grip of insanity
Riggs, Ransom	<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i> - creepy and strange, a ghost hunt
Proulx, E. Annie	<i>The Shipping News</i> - novel filled with family drama and new beginnings
Pullman, Philip	<i>The Golden Compass</i> - the first of a series, <i>His Dark Materials</i>
Robbins, Tom	<i>Still Life With Woodpecker</i> - (11 th and 12 th grade only)
Roy, Arundhati	<i>The God of Small Things</i> - family saga, forbidden love story, and piercing political drama
Sebold, Alice	<i>The Lovely Bones</i> - a girl, already in heaven, looking down on her heartbreaking past
Scott, Sir Walter	<i>Ivanhoe</i> - novel of knights and the conflict between Normans and Saxons
Smith, Betty	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> - coming of age in early 20 th century New York
Spiegelman, Art	<i>Maus I and II</i> - graphic novel about the Holocaust
Stein, Garth	<i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i> - a story of family and love told from a dog's perspective
Steinbeck, John	<i>The Winter of Our Discontent</i> - 1960 America, a man breaks the mold
Stone, Irving	<i>The Agony and the Ecstasy</i> - novel about Michelangelo's life
Styron, William	<i>Sophie's Choice</i> - challenging novel of Holocaust survivor (very strong stuff)
Tan, Amy	<i>The Joy Luck Club</i> - four Chinese mothers and their American-born daughters
Taylor, Mildred D.	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> - family struggles for freedom & independence in south
Tyler, Anne	<i>Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant</i> - a family's conflicts and relationships
Verne, Jules	<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i> - classic tale of adventure
Vonnegut, Kurt	<i>Cat's Cradle</i> - an apocalyptic tale of this planet's ultimate fate
Welty, Eudora	<i>The Optimist's Daughter</i> - young woman's confrontation with death and her past
Wilson, Robert Charles	<i>Spin</i> - a combination of a galactic "what if" and a small-scale, very human story
Woolf, Virginia	<i>To the Lighthouse</i> - stream of consciousness philosophical introspection
Wright, Richard	<i>Black Boy</i> - African-American young man in the Depression
Zusak, Markus	<i>The Book Thief</i> - a Holocaust-based novel narrated by Death- a must read!

BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR/NONFICTION

Angelou, Maya	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> - autobiography about prejudice, love, and identity
Ashe, Arthur	<i>Days of Grace</i> - memoir of a tennis champion, social activist, and person with AIDS
Beah, Ishmael	<i>A Long Way Gone</i> - memoir of a boy soldier in Sierra Leone
Beals, Melba Patillo	<i>Warriors Don't Cry</i> - story of the Little Rock Nine- first African American students to break through school segregation laws
Bissinger, H.G.	<i>Friday Night Lights</i> - a football team governed by hopes, dreams, and politics
Bourke-White, Margaret	<i>Portrait of Myself</i> - famous photographer and journalist taken hold by Parkinson's
Cayleff, Susan E.	<i>Babe: The Life and Legend of Babe Zaharias</i> - biography of a female Olympian
Delany, Sadie	<i>Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years</i> - personal history of early 20 th c.
Finlay, Victoria	<i>Color: A Natural History of the Palette</i> - discover the true stories behind colors
Franklin, Benjamin	<i>The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin</i>
Gladwell, Malcolm	<i>Blink</i> - about how we think without thinking and choices made in the blink of an eye
Hornbacher, Marya	<i>Wasted: A Memoir of Anorexia and Bulimia</i> - honest, and emotional
Kidder, Tracy	<i>Strength in What Remains</i> - a man's American journey & the people who helped him
Krakauer, Jon	<i>Into the Wild</i> - moving story of a young man who breaks the social mold
Krakauer, Jon	<i>Into Thin Air</i> - a man's challenging and terrifying journey up Mt. Everest
Larson, Erik	<i>The Devil in the White City</i> - true tale of 1893 World's Fair & the cunning serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death.
Mah, Adeline Yen	<i>Falling Leaves: The True Story of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter</i>
Marquez, Gabriel Garcia	<i>News of a Kidnapping</i> - chronicles 1990 kidnappings by a drug lord in Colombia
McBride, James	<i>The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother</i>
McCourt, Frank	<i>Angela's Ashes: A Memoir</i> - growing up Irish in Depression-era Brooklyn
Nafizi, Azar	<i>Reading Lolita in Tehran</i> - a daring teacher in a tense political land
Pasachoff, Naomi	<i>Niels Bohr: Physicist and Humanitarian</i> - the man who won a Nobel Prize for his discoveries about the nature of the atom and saved thousands of Jews from the Nazis
Sobel, Dava	<i>Galileo's Daughter</i> - uncovering the history of Galileo and his daughter
Tammet, Daniel	<i>Born on a Blue Day</i> - unique first-person account of a 27-year-old autistic savant with Asperger's syndrome
Wiesel, Elie	<i>Night</i> - a moving and emotional first person account of prisoners during the Holocaust
Woolf, Virginia	<i>A Room of One's Own</i> - extended essay, classically seen as feminist text
X, Malcolm	<i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i> - account from a man entrenched in African-American struggle in the 1960s
Yeager, Chuck	<i>Yeager: An Autobiography</i> - the greatest test pilot of them all, the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound

HISTORY

Ambrose, Stephen	<i>Undaunted Courage: Meriweather Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West</i>
Beard, Charles Austin	<i>An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States</i>
Bernstein, Carl	<i>All the President's Men</i> - full account of the Watergate scandal
Brokaw, Tom	<i>The Greatest Generation</i> - stories of people who lived during Depression and WWII
Brown, Dee	<i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee</i> - American Indian account of American West
DuBois, W.E.B.	<i>The Souls of Black Folk</i> - literature of black protest, played key role in early 1900s
Friedan, Betty	<i>The Feminine Mystique</i> - 1960's literature on the changing American woman
Friedman, Thomas	<i>The Lexus and the Olive</i> - shows how technology, capital, and information are transforming the global marketplace

Halberstam, David	<i>The Best and the Brightest</i> - account of political atmosphere during Vietnam War
Hautzig, Esther	<i>The Endless Steppe</i> - a family living in exile in Siberia
Hersey, John	<i>Hiroshima</i> - told through the memories of survivors
King Jr., Martin Luther	<i>Why We Can't Wait</i> - about the nonviolent movement against racial segregation
Machiavelli, Niccolo	<i>The Prince</i> - most famous master plan for seizing and holding power
Macintyre, Ben	<i>Operation Mincemeat: How a Dead Man and a Bizarre Plan Fooled the Nazis and Assured an Allied Victory</i>
McCullough, David	<i>1776</i> - story of the birth of the United States
Plato	<i>The Republic</i> - Socratic text concerning the question of justice
Rose, Alexander	<i>American Rifle</i> - engrossing biography of an American icon: the rifle
Rose, Alexander	<i>Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring</i>
Rutkow, Eric	<i>American Canopy: Trees, Forests, and the Making of a Nation</i>
Smith, Lillian	<i>Killers of the Dream</i> - the intricate system of taboos in the South in the early 20 th c.
Tarnopolsky, Yuri	<i>Memoirs of 1984</i> - a year in a Siberian labor camp, and the fall of the Soviet Empire
Tuchman, Barbara	<i>A Distant Mirror : The Calamitous 14th Century</i>
Tuchman, Barbara	<i>The March of Folly: From Troy to Vietnam</i> - through the ages, failure of government
Williams, Juan	<i>Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965</i>
Wooley, Benjamin	<i>The Bride of Science: Romance, Reason, and Byron's Daughter</i>

SCIENCE/MATH

Attenborough, David	<i>The Living Planet</i> - evolution and the adaptation of plants and animals
Carson, Rachel	<i>Silent Spring</i> - passionate concern for the future of our planet
Ferris, Timothy	<i>The Whole Shebang</i> - report on how science today envisions the universe as a whole
Fouts, Roger	<i>Next of Kin: What the Chimpanzees Have Taught Me About Who We Are</i>
Goodall, Jane	<i>In the Shadow of Man</i> - account of her life among the wild chimpanzees of Gombe
Gould, Stephen Jay	<i>The Panda's Thumb</i> - collection of essays on evolution, science biography, probabilities
Hawking, Stephen	<i>A Brief History of Time: From Big Bang to Black Holes</i>
Horvitz, Leslie A.	<i>Eureka!: Scientific Breakthroughs That Changed the World</i>
Kent, Deborah	<i>Snake Pits, Talking Cures, and Magic Bullets: A History of Mental Illness</i>
McClellan, Marilyn	<i>Organ and Tissue Transplants: Medical Miracles and Challenges</i>
Pollan, Michael	<i>Omnivore's Dilemma</i> - the ecology of eating
Roach, Mary	<i>Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers</i> - compelling and hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies postmortem
Royte, Elizabeth	<i>Garbage Land: On the Secret Trail of Trash</i>
Sacks, Oliver	<i>Musicophilia</i> - explores place music occupies in brain, how it affects human condition
Sagan, Carl	<i>The Dragons of Eden: Speculations on the Evolution of Human Intelligence</i>
Sagan, Carl	<i>Broca's Brain: Reflections on the Romance of Science</i>
Sobel, Dava	<i>Longitude: The Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time</i>
Taleb, Nassim	<i>The Black Swan</i> - Black Swan events explain almost everything about our world, and yet we are blind to them
Thomas, Lewis	<i>The Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher</i>
Watson, James D.	<i>The Double Helix: A Personal Account of the Discovery and Structure of DNA</i>
Wolg, Fred A.	<i>Taking the Quantum Leap: The New Physics for Nonscientists</i>