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.

There are numerous resources for discovering titles, beginning with your classmates, your previous English teachers, the Sora App on your Launchpad, and the librarians at the Pelham Public Library.

We urge you to explore reading this summer together, as a family. Browsing titles at the Public Library, a local bookstore, or online is an opportunity to support good reading choices. Some titles may also be available as audiobooks and would make wonderful listening on long trips. Parents/Guardians may also want to read the books students select so you can talk about them together. Be aware that literature may contain mature content.

We ask that all PMHS students read at least THREE books of their choice over the summer. Each student should then complete the form on the back of this page including parent or guardian signatures. These forms will be collected during the first week of school in September.

- 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 the AP list for a total of five (read and annotated).
- Incoming SUPA Presentational Speaking students should read Imperium by Robert Harris and Talk Like Ted by Carmine Gallow, as well as one other book of their choice.
- Incoming SUPA Academic Writing students should read Born a Crime by Trevor Noah as well as two other books of their choice.
- Incoming Adelphi Dramatic Literature students should read How to Read Literature like a Professor by Thomas Foster, Our Town by Thornton Wilder, and Long Day’s Journey into Night by Eugene O’Neill.

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 only)________________________________________________

Author__________________________________________________________

Book Title #5 (AP 12 only)________________________________________________

Author__________________________________________________________

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Student Signature:____________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian
Signature:__________________________________________________________
Advanced Placement 11 Language and Composition
Summer Reading List

All incoming 11th grade AP students should choose ONE book from EACH of the lists below, along with a third book of their choice. Be aware that literature in this course may contain mature content.

Non-Fiction Choices for AP 11 Summer Reading (Choose 1)
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
6. Larson, Eric - The Devil In the White City
7. Slater, Daksha - The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives

Fiction Choices for AP 11 Summer Reading (Choose 1)
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
5. Zusak, Markus The Book Thief

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 Academic Writing
Summer Reading List

Incoming SUPA Presentational Speaking students are required to read:
1. Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
2. Two other books OF YOUR CHOICE

SUPA Presentational Speaking
Summer Reading List

Incoming SUPA Presentational Speaking students are required to read:
1. Imperium by Robert Harris
2. Talk Like Ted by Carmine Gallow
3. One other book OF YOUR CHOICE
Adelphi Dramatic Literature
Summer Reading List

Incoming Adelphi Dramatic Literature students are required to read:

1. *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster (READ THIS ONE FIRST)
2. *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder

Please make sure that you take detailed notes as you read. At the start of the academic calendar, you will be required to write a well-organized literary essay.

Advanced Placement 12 Literature and Composition
Summer Reading List

All incoming 12th grade AP students are required to read the following 3 books and 2 of their choice. **Students must annotate** these texts to show understanding and developing themes. At the start of the school year, students will be expected to utilize these annotations to direct class discussions before submitting them to the teacher for a grade. Be aware that literature in this course may contain mature content.

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

**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. These books are also expected to be annotated.**

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 Bride; 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
Moehringer, 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 - Marya; We Were the Mulvaneys; 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 Grownups; 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

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