

Summer Reading 11th Grade Honors

According to scientific research, students who don't read over the summer break **lose 2-3 grade levels (!!!)** in reading comprehension. To make sure you are ready for 11th Honors, I am asking you to read during your break. Here are the [English Department Summer Reading Policies and Guidelines](#) as well. Please read them so you are fully informed on how to stay in Honors 11.

What can I read?

Please see the [Choice List](#) and choose **1 non-fiction** and **1 fiction novel** to read. That makes for **a total of 2 books**.

What else will I have to do after I read?

- Either take a picture of the reading, record the author and title, or bring the reading to school in the fall
- **One Minute Presentation** recommending (or not recommending) the book you read
- **Write an essay** in class on how the main character changes in the story or how the book explores a theme of the book

What if I don't do it?

You may go down to an 8th grade reading level! Catching up will be very difficult for an honors student. Therefore, you may need to be placed in a different class where we can work on getting you back up to where you were before the break. This may include extra assignments or help after school. This could be a real struggle.

How will you know I did it? I could just make it up!

Sure, you could lie. But that is soooo much more work! Also, there are ways for me to know, and the truth always comes out. You don't want to be thought of as untrustworthy and have that follow you for the one or more years we have together. Stay honest. You will gain respect and admiration. Remember that reading is the best way to explore the world without ever having to leave the Island. Also, if you want to get on your parents' good side, read in front of them. They love that! I can't wait to see what you present to the class!

Enjoy your summer,

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