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Parents, Guardians and Students:

To meet the expectations of the Fairfax County Public Schools for encouraging intellectual growth and critical thinking skills, the Herndon High School English Department requires a summer reading assignment. This assignment, while generally required by Fairfax County, has been shaped by Herndon High to address the needs of our specific Program of Studies and these assignments take the place of the county list in fulfilling this requirement.

The summer reading list for all classes will be sent to area bookstores, including Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, and Borders. In addition, it will be available on the Herndon High School web site. If no written assignment is specified, students should bring the book with them on the first day of school in September. If a written assignment is required, it will be due on the first day as well.

We want students to take advantage of this opportunity to start the year successfully. We wish you an enjoyable and enriching summer.

Sincerely,

Janice Jewell, Chair
English Department

2009 Summer Reading - English: Grade 11



Your summer reading assignment for English is simple: all you have to do is read a novel written by an American writer.

Make sure that what you have chosen to read is fiction and that its author is American. Eleventh grade is a survey of American literature. The book you choose must be approved by your parents (see permission slip below).

HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS **SHOULD NOT READ** THE FOLLOWING TITLES AS THEY ARE INCLUDED IN THE 11TH GRADE CORE CURRICULUM CHOICES:

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald; *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller; *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane; *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne; *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien; *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolpho Anaya; *The Nick Adams Stories* by Ernest Heming way; *Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger.

At the beginning of the school year, bring this book to class and be ready to share and write about it, and also please remember your signed permission slip.

The following databases and websites are provided for students and their families to help with the selection of an appropriate and interesting title for summer reading. Ask for assistance in any library or bookstore to determine if a title is fiction and written by an American author.

- <http://www.amazon.com/Julias-American-Literature-Reading-Grade/Im/R1SESG7HIJFASV>
- http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3369237
- <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/outstandingbooks/outstandingbooks.cfm>
- <http://www.readliterature.com/american.htm>

I approve this book for the Herndon High School English 11th grade summer reading assignment. I am satisfied with its content and level of difficulty.

Book Title _____

Author _____

Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____