



FAIRFAX COUNTY  
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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

## 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT-2009

Read a book from ONE of the following genres:

Mystery  
Science fiction  
Fantasy  
Western/Adventure  
Historical Fiction



Summer reading is required of all students attending Fairfax County Public Schools. Read at least one **FICTION** book from one of the genres above by the first day of school and be prepared for an in-Class assignment. **The book must be at grade level and approved by your parent.** The assignment will be decided by your teacher.

Regardless of the assignment, your teacher will expect you to remember the book. Consider these helpful hints while reading:

1. Keep a journal in which you summarize or reflect on each chapter.
2. Write comments or questions on Post-it notes and place on important, difficult, or interesting pages.
3. Keep a sketch book handy and draw the important aspects of each chapter.
- 4.. Find booklists at The American Library Association online.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook.htm>

**Parents: Please fill out the bottom of this form and send with your child on the first day of school.**

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I am aware of my child's summer reading choice, and I approve its content and level of difficulty.

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_