



FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mount Vernon High School

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Alexandria, VA 22309

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Dear Parents:

This year, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will continue a summer reading requirement in order to encourage reading. Each student completing grades five through eleven is required to read at least one book over the summer months.

Attached is the Mount Vernon High School Summer Reading Assignment and follow up procedures. Students may read any book from the genre for their grade level as suggested by FCPS and approved by their parents. You may access the FCPS Summer Reading Lists at the FCPS homepage at www.fcps.edu and clicking on the *summer reading* link or at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/readlist/index.htm>. If a student has received a summer reading requirement connected with a specific course, this reading will also satisfy the FCPS reading requirement.

Reading is crucial to academic achievement, and I urge you to encourage your child to read many books, magazines, and newspaper articles over the summer months. I appreciate your help as we all work together to support the academic program at Mount Vernon High School.

Sincerely,

Nardos E. King
Principal

Attachment: Mount Vernon High School Summer Reading Assignment 2009

Majors Read!
MVHS Summer Reading Assignment 2008



Why do Majors read over the summer?

According to Fairfax County policy: "Every Fairfax County student who will be entering grades 6 – 12 in the fall must read at least one book over the summer." Mount Vernon High School students are to choose a work which is at least 200 pages in length and written at a high school reading level. Reading helps students improve their critical thinking skills, improve their vocabulary, improve their reading skills, and, even improve their writing skills. Reading helps to keep the brain sharp!

What should Majors read?

MVHS recommends that students choose a work from the genre for their grade level as suggested by FCPS.

9th grade: Read a book from one of the following genres

- Mystery
- Science fiction
- Fantasy
- Western/Adventure
- Historical fiction

10th grade: Read a non-fiction book. Non-fiction may include autobiography, biography, history, humor, or an informational book.

11th grade: Read a book by an American author.

12th grade: Read a novel or memoir by an author from a country other than the United States of America.

Do Majors have to read a book from a specific category?

No. But all Majors should read a book that is 200 pages in length, age appropriate, and acceptable to their parents. Majors can go to the Fairfax County Public Schools homepage for help in choosing a book.

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/readlist/index.htm>.

How does reading over the summer benefit Majors?

Simply turn in the "Detailed Bibliography" during Major Time during the first week of school and you can:

- Earn Spirit Points for your class!
- Earn a "Bonus Points" pass to be used in one of your classes First Quarter!



Majors Read!

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Detailed Bibliography

Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Author's last name

Author's first name

Book Title

City and state of publication

Publisher

Copyright date

Number of pages

Genre (fiction, nonfiction-biography, autobiography, poetry, fantasy, short stories, drama, etc.)

- 1. Summary of the Book (2-3 paragraphs)**
- 2. Opinion of the Book (2-3 paragraphs)**