

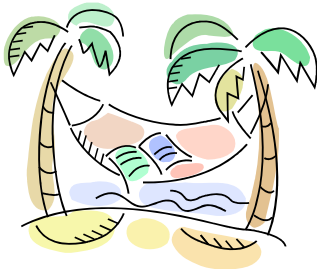
## Summer Reading Assignment for Rising 10<sup>th</sup> Graders

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Our rising 10<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to read regularly and often throughout the summer but are required to return to school in the fall with a prepared assignment on one book.

**Choosing books:** A student's main goal for choosing summer reading books is interest. Students may select any book regardless of genre but should the book should be suitable for the student's reading level, speed, and age and be a book the student has not previously read. You may wish, but are not required, to select a title from the list of high-interest books for young adults recommended by Robinson's English 10 teachers and provided on the reverse side of this sheet.



**Written Assignment:** Based on one book you've read over the summer, write a literary letter to your new 10<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher which includes all of the following:

- ☀ Tell your teacher about YOU as a reader. What is your experience with books? How often do you read? What do you like to read? What is the best book you have read?
- ☀ Briefly give a summary of the best book you read this summer and discuss the main conflicts.
- ☀ What do you know about one or two of the main characters and how do you know it? Give examples from the book that have helped you to know what the characters are like.
- ☀ Discuss connections to the real world or your personal experience. What does the book show you about human nature and behavior?

**Guidelines:** This letter must be typed and brought to English class on the first day of class. Each of the previous topics should take about a paragraph so the letter *should be at least four paragraphs and one or two pages double spaced.*

**Parents** – It is imperative that you are involved in the choosing of your student's summer reading selection. Not only will students take the assignment more seriously with your support, but your involvement will also help to ensure that the content and reading level of the text falls in line with what you feel is appropriate for your child, as there is always the possibility that the provided reading suggestions may not align with your standards.

*Flip for suggestions from Robinson's English 10 teachers!*

Or check out the following websites that offer additional book lists:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/goodreading.htm>

<http://www.greatbooks.org>

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

<http://www.teenreads.com/index.asp>



