

SUMMER READING



FOR THE CLASS OF

2009

(RISING SENIORS)

****CHOOSE ONE** of the following to read (Of course, if you read two or three, no one will mind!).

The Acts of King Arthur and His Noble Knights by John Steinbeck

Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen

The Hobbit, J.R. Tolkein

Any *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy book, J.R. Tolkein

Wuthering Heights, Emily Bronte

1984, George Orwell

Lord of the Flies, William Golding

Q. How will you know that I actually read it?

A. You have to **bring the book to school with you** and show it to your teacher. **Your teacher will ask you some questions** about it, such as, "Choose a main character in your book. List three adjectives that describe this character and support each adjective with a specific example from the book." Or, "Describe one particular event in the book and tell how it fits into the book as a whole."

Q. Where can I get the book?

A. **You need to buy it.** The used book store at Lake Anne is a cool place to get books for cheap. Books-A-Million and Barnes and Noble have any kind of book you would like. Don't get your book at the library - you need to keep the book for the start of school. Barnes and Noble always have summer reading books displayed for students. If you buy online from AKJ, you receive a 5% discount and free shipping to your home! <http://akjbookclub.net>

Q. Do I have to do more than just this?

A. Yes, sometime over the summer, find out why schools in America devote a year to the study of British Literature. Remember that you spent the junior year studying American Literature, and be prepared to discuss.

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If you have in mind something you are dying to read, check with the teacher before summer starts. Remember, your summer book **MUST** be written by an English author! Also suggested: any mystery by Ruth Rendell, Agatha Christie, or PD James, and any book from *His Dark Materials* trilogy, by Philip Pullman.