

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

9th Grade Biology 1 Westfield High School



DUE: First Day of Biology Class September 2011

To encourage and promote reading during the summer months, all Fairfax County Public School students grades five through eleven are required to read at least one book before the next school year begins.

For rising 9th graders enrolled in Biology 1, you must choose a book below. (Students enrolled in Honors Biology will have a different summer reading assignment.) All are related to science in some way. You must write down brief, but detailed summaries of each chapter. On the back is the suggested way you write your summaries for each chapter. You can either photocopy the back a few times to match the number of chapters you have, download it off the Westfield homepage (<http://www.fcps.edu/WestfieldHS/>), or create your own that is similar to the format. It can be in either typed or written format. *You will be required to turn in your chapter summaries the first day of biology class in September 2011.*

Borders, Barnes and Noble and your local library are good local places to start looking. Websites such as amazon.com are sure to have all of these books in stock.

Below is a list of books that you are required to choose from. Choose ONE book from this list and create your summaries as you read along. **Other books will not be accepted.** The next page is a suggestion on how your summaries should look, but if you may create your own if you wish.

1. Uncle Tungsten (Oliver Sack)
2. Silent Spring (Rachel Carson)
3. Desert Solitaire (Edward Abby)
4. The Dying of the Trees (Charles E. Little)
5. The Seven Daughters of Eve (Bryan Sykes)
6. Chromosome 6 (Robin Cook)
7. Andromeda Strain (Michal Crichton)
8. A Sand County Almanac (Aldo Leopold)

- Tips:**
1. Don't wait until mid-August to find a book! Sometimes shipping may take weeks.
 2. Write your summaries down after EACH chapter, if the book has no chapters summarize every 20-30 pages.
 3. Read with a pencil, underline main ideas or passages (you can always erase pencil!).
 4. Don't wait until the last minute to start reading, take your time and really get into your book.

Name _____

Book Title: _____

Chapter _____ Summary:

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