



Summer Reading for Students Entering 9th Grade (Honors and College Prep)

We are excited that you will be coming to Westminster in the fall! Students are required to complete a summer reading assignment, and you will find the information below. Reading can take you to new worlds. We hope you discover wonderful places this summer.

- **Summer Reading for Students Entering 9th grade**
- This summer, you are to read a total of **two** books:
- **The required reading is *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak**
- One book from the attached list OR a book of your choice (per your parents' approval).
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- **There is no summer writing assignment; however, please note the following:**
- **There is a “summer reading test” that will be administered on Day Two on *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak**
- 1. On the attached reading verification form, you should list the title and author of the book you selected from the list or the title and author of the book of your choice. Parents should sign the form indicating that you have read the book listed. This form is to be handed in on the **first day** of school.
- 2. On the **second day** of school, you will have a short comprehension test on the required reading. You will be tested on the plot of the novel, on your understanding of the events and the characters, and the major conflicts illustrated in the story. If you read the required book early in the summer, you will want to review it before the test. You do not need a copy of the novel on test day.
- 3. On the **third day** of school, you will participate in a class "book chat" to share and discuss the additional book you read. The preparation needed for the book chat will be discussed with you on the first day of school. Please bring the novel you chose to read with you on “book chat” day if possible, but it is not required.

• WCA SUGGESTED SUMMER BOOK LIST
• Students Entering 9th Grade

<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> Doerr <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i> Remarque <i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i> Herriot <i>Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court</i> Twain <i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> Stevenson <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Ray Bradbury <i>Go Set a Watchman</i> Harper Lee <i>Grapes of Wrath, The</i> : John Steinbeck <i>Help, The</i> : Kathryn Stockett <i>In Cold Blood</i> Truman Capote <i>Killer Angels</i> Michael Sahara <i>Lord of the Flies</i> William Golding <i>Lord of the Rings, The</i> *: J.R.R Tolkien** <i>Martian Chronicles, The</i> : Ray Bradbury** <i>Master and Commander</i> : Patrick O'Brien <i>Undaunted Courage</i> : Stephen Ambrose <i>War of the Worlds</i> : H.G. Wells	<i>My Cousin Rachel</i> : Daphne de Maurier <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas</i> : Frederick Douglas <i>Nineteen Eighty Four</i> George Orwell <i>Out of the Silent Planet</i> *: C.S. Lewis** <i>Pilgrim's Progress, The</i> : John Bunyan <i>Rebecca</i> Daphne DeMaurier <i>Robinson Crusoe</i> Daniel Defoe <i>Separate Peace, A</i> : John Knowles <i>Silver Chalice, The</i> : Thomas B. Costain <i>Through Gates of Splendor</i> , Elizabeth Elliot <i>Time in Between, The</i> : Duenas, Maria <i>Turn of the Screw, The</i> : Henry James <i>Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea</i> Jules Verne <i>Unbroken</i> Laura Hillenbrand <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> Harriet Beecher Stowe
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Late Registering Students:

*Students registering after July 15 are responsible for the required book only.

READING VERIFICATION FORM

This form is due on the first day of school.

1. I read the following book from the WCA Summer Book List **OR** a book of choice approved by my parents.

TITLE _____

AUTHOR _____

By signing your name below, you are affirming

- 1. that you read the above book in its entirety**
- 2. you had not read the book prior for another class**

Student Signature:

Parent Signature:
