

Summer Reading – 2017 Kennedy

For AP English Literature (seniors)

Required: *Far From the Madding Crowd* by Thomas Hardy

Choice books (choose one):

The Plot Against America by Philip Roth

The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan

The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

Please read the CHOICE book in late June/July; keep brief notes on it. Be prepared to write a short essay responding to your choice book when you return to school. This essay will NOT be a summary.

Read the REQUIRED book in August. Keep brief notes on it. The summer reading test will focus not on plot but on characterization, structure, and use of language. You may choose to watch film versions or read critical analyses of any book; however, that is not a substitute for actually reading the book.

*You should know by August 1 if you are committed to taking the AP Literature course. You will be expected to have read the required book if you are enrolled in the class on the first day of school. There will be no exceptions.

Summer Reading – 2017 For Junior English (Mrs. Kennedy)

For AP English Language (juniors)

Required: *The Shallows* by Nicholas Carr

For Honors English III (juniors)

Required: *The Hot Zone* by Richard Preston

Choice books for all juniors (choose one)

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

The Smartest Kids in the World by Amanda Ripley

The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls

Please read the CHOICE book in late June/July; keep brief notes on it. Be prepared to write a short essay responding to your choice book when you return to school. This essay will NOT be a summary.

Read the REQUIRED book in August. Keep brief notes on it. You will take a summer reading test the first week of school.

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