

2009 English I Summer Reading

Dear Rising Freshmen,

APA has redesigned the high school Summer Reading Program for 2009. The objectives are to foster students' enjoyment of reading and to help them strengthen their reading strategies and skills.

For rising ninth grade students, there are **two requirements** that must be met over the summer.

1. Read one book from "the list" & comment on a Wiki:

This list of books was developed by a committee of 8 high school students and 3 faculty members. The books are meant to represent different reading interests and levels. Students are required to **choose one** book to read from this list of seven and then write a response on the book's Wikispace of at least 350 words. You may write one big response or several short ones, as long as you write 350 words total. **This assignment must be completed by July 31.**

The List:

Nineteen Minutes-Jodi Picoult

Cosmicomics-Italo Calvino

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep-Phillip Dick

Death is Painless-A.L. Rosa

The Screwtape Letters—C.S. Lewis

Into the Wild—Jon Krakauer

Wooden: A Lifetime of Reflections—John Wooden & Steve Jamison

Wikispace Address: www.APASummerReading09.wikispaces.com

Follow the directions on the Wikispace front page. Students must first join the Wiki before writing a response. If you cannot access the Wikispace you may send a hard copy of your comments to:

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2. Read *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles. This reading should be done in the later part of the summer. Students will take a quiz on the book during the first week of school.

Other Information:

- Extra credit for summer reading is no longer available
- Students & parents are encouraged to read reviews of books (amazon.com is a good source) before making selections
- Book choices represent a range of genres and reading levels; students & parents must decide what is appropriate
- Don't wait until the last minute to join the Wiki
- Remember to write your FULL NAME and grade on your Wiki comment
- Any questions, please contact Melissa Lambert at mlambert@parrottacadmy.org