

University Prep English Department

SUMMER 2010 READING LIST

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th grade

Book One

The following book is required:

Uglies

Scott Westerfeld

Book Two

Choose and read one book from the following list:

A Girl Named Disaster

Any book from the *Alex Rider* series

Scat

Change-up: Mystery at the World Series

Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller

Peter and the Starcatchers

Ruby Holler

Shakespeare's Secret

Any book from the *Percy Jackson* series

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

Where the Red Fern Grows

Nancy Farmer

Anthony Horowitz

Carl Hiaasen

John Feinstein

Sarah Miller

Dave Barry

Sharon Creech

Elise Borach

Rick Riordan

Avi

Wilson Rawls

When the school year begins, there will be discussions and assignments related to your required book. You will be asked to write a short paper about your choice book. As you read this summer, you may wish to underline or highlight important points in your books and/or make notes. **Please have a copy of both Book One and Book Two available in September.**

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th grade

Choose and read two books from the following list:

Nothing but the Truth

Fever 1793

Red Scarf Girl

The Other Side of Truth

The Pearl

Flush

Sold

Redwall

The Pigman

The Devil's Arithmetic

Hoops

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

The House of the Scorpion

Avi

Laurie Anderson

Ji-li Jiang

Beverly Naidoo

John Steinbeck

Carl Hiaasen

Patricia McCormick

Brian Jacques

Paul Zindel

Jane Yolen

Walter Dean Myers

Mildred Taylor

Nancy Farmer

The books on this list vary a great deal in subject matter, length, tone, and difficulty. At the library, online, or at a bookstore, browse the titles until you find one that captures your interest. There will be discussions and assignments related to the required book. As you read this summer, you may wish to underline or highlight important points in your books and/or make notes. **Please have a copy of both your choice books available in September.**

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SUMMER 2010 READING LIST

MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th grade

Book One

Choose and read a book that you've not read before and that is **not** on the following list (or the 6th or 7th grade lists). In September, you will write a persuasive essay on the merits of this book.

Book Two

Choose and read a book from the following list:

<i>Purple Hibiscus</i>	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
<i>In the Time of the Butterflies</i>	Julia Alvarez
<i>Joy School</i>	Elizabeth Berg
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Ray Bradbury
<i>Summerland</i>	Michael Chabon
<i>They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky*</i>	Alephonsion Deng, Benson Deng, and Benjamin Ajak
<i>Sister of My Heart</i>	Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
<i>A Northern Light</i>	Jennifer Donnelly
<i>Funny in Farsi*</i>	Firoozeh Dumas
<i>The House of the Scorpion</i>	Nancy Farmer
<i>Death Be Not Proud*</i>	John Gunther
<i>A View from the Summit*</i>	Sir Edmund Hillary
<i>Mister Pip</i>	Lloyd Jones
<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>	Sue Kidd
<i>My Forbidden Face*</i>	Latifa
<i>Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister</i>	Gregory Maguire
<i>Kaffir Boy*</i>	Mark Mathabane
<i>Master and Commander</i>	Patrick O'Brian
<i>When the Emperor Was Divine</i>	Julie Otsuka
<i>Eragon</i>	Christian Paolini
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Markus Zusak
<i>Last Night I Dreamed of Peace*</i>	Dang Thuy Tram
<i>The Bridge of San Luis Rey</i>	Thornton Wilder
<i>American Born Chinese</i>	Gene Luen Yang

*non-fiction

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UPPER SCHOOL

Each Upper School grade has its own required book.

9th grade

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian Sherman Alexie

10th grade

The Picture of Dorian Gray Oscar Wilde

11th grade

Naked David Sedaris

12th grade

With possible topics and subject areas for your senior thesis project in mind, choose a title that will lead you through a preliminary investigation of that topic or subject area. The purpose here is not to begin the senior thesis project as early as possible, but to plant a seed that will germinate later in the year when the senior thesis project begins in earnest.

University Prep Reads

University Prep Reads is modeled after the Library of Congress's "One Book" program whose local incarnation, "Seattle Reads," invites Seattle readers to share a common experience by reading the same book. University Prep Reads invites readers from our community to share the experience of reading the same book. Faculty, parents and staff are encouraged to participate. Upper school students, faculty, staff, and parents who choose to read the selection will have shared a common experience with a work of literature, and all who choose to read the selection can expect opportunities to arise during the school year where ideas with roots in the reading of the selection can be discussed. The University Prep Reads selection is not required, but it is recommended.

This year's selection: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*

Mark Haddon