

2009 Summer Reading Notification to Incoming Freshmen Students

As part of the summer reading program at Bishop England High School, each freshman is required to read two books over the summer. One of the required books is assigned by the Biology teachers. The other book is assigned by the freshmen English teachers. Below is a list of the required books. Assignments are based on the track placement for the course. For example, if the student is signed into Biology AI, he/she will need to read the selection listed for AI Biology. If the same student is signed into Honors English, he/she will read the selection listed for Honors English. Students are responsible for securing the books (unabridged editions).

For English Classes

Honors: *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain

Please note that there are several versions of this book. Students should read the version from the Modern Library Classic Series.

AI : *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

AII: *White Fang* by Jack London

For Biology Classes

Honors: *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer

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AII: *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger

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***New students who register after July 1, 2009, will be notified by the Director of Admissions concerning any changes to the summer reading expectations.**

2009 Summer Reading Notification to Rising Sophomores

As part of the summer reading program at Bishop England High School, each sophomore is required to read two books over the summer. One of the required books is assigned by the Church History teachers in the Theology department. The other book is assigned by the sophomore English teachers. Below is a list of the required books. Assignments are based on the track placement for the course. For example, if the student is signed into Church History AI, he/she will need to read the selection listed for AI Church History. If the same student is signed into Honors English, he/she will read the selection listed for Honors English. Students are responsible for securing the books (unabridged editions).

For English Classes

Honors: *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Marie Remarque

AI : *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

AI: *Night* by Elie Wiesel

For Church History Classes

Honors: *St. Francis of Assisi* by Omer Englebert

***This book can be obtained by going online to:**

<http://catalog.americancatholic.org/product.aspx?prodid=T83071&pcat=303>

OR call 1-800-488-0488.

AI: *A Man for All Seasons* by Robert Bolt

AI: *St. Francis of Assisi : Gentle Revolutionary* by Mary Emmanuel Alves

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2009 Summer Reading Notification to Rising Juniors

As part of the summer reading program at Bishop England High School, each junior is required to read two to three books over the summer, depending on the level of English. One of the required books is assigned by the U.S. History teachers. The other book or books are assigned by the junior English teachers. Below is a list of the required books. Assignments are based on the track placement for the course. For example, if the student is signed into U.S. History AI, he/she will need to choose one of the selections listed for AI U.S. History. If the same student is signed into AP English, he/she will read the books listed for AP English. Students are responsible for securing the books (unabridged editions).

For English Classes

Advanced Placement (Students must read both books.)

- *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion
- *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

AI: *A Lesson before Dying* by Ernest Gaines

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For U.S. History Classes

Advanced Placement: *He Shall Go Out Free: The Lives of Denmark Vesey* by Douglas Egerton (2004 or 2005 edition)

AI: Students must read ONE of the following books:

- *10 Days That Unexpectedly Changed America* by Steven M. Gillon
- OR**
- *Finishing Becca* by Ann Rinaldi

AI: *A Light in the Forest* by Conrad Richter

Students will be tested on all summer reading books within the first two weeks of school. The summer reading test is a major grade, which will have a significant impact on the first quarter average. Additional writing assignments will be given in the English class on the book or books assigned for that class. Students are strongly encouraged to take notes on the books as they read. Students are more likely to recall the details of the summer reading books if they read them during the latter half of the summer. Please note that the use of Spark notes, Cliff notes, Monkey notes, or any other summaries of the books to prepare for the book tests and other assignments is not permitted and, therefore, constitutes a violation of the school's academic integrity policy.

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2009 Summer Reading Notification to Rising Seniors

As part of the summer reading program at Bishop England High School, each senior is required to read two or four books over the summer, depending on the level of English. One of the required books is assigned by the Theology teachers. The other book or books are assigned by the senior English teachers. Below is a list of the required books.

Assignments are based on the track placement for the course. For example, if the student is signed into Theology AI, he/she will need to read the selection listed for AI Theology. If the same student is signed into AP English, he/she will read the selections listed for AP English. Students are responsible for securing the books (unabridged editions).

For English Classes

Advanced Placement (Students must read all three books listed below.)

- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

AI: *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

AII: *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

For Theology Classes

Honors: *Greater than You Think: A Theologian Answers the Atheists about God* by Father Thomas Williams

AI: *Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

AII: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

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