



2010 Summer Reading Notification

This summer, Bishop England is requiring **all students** to read *Tears of the Giraffe* by Alexander McCall Smith. Students will be tested on this book in their respective English classes within the first full week of school. The summer reading test is a major grade; therefore, students are strongly encouraged to take notes on the book as they read. Additionally, students are more likely to remember details if they read the book during the latter half of the summer. **Please note that the use of Spark notes, Cliff notes, Monkey notes, or 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.**

AP English courses require additional reading selections. Below is the list of books required as summer reading for each AP class.

- AP English Language & Composition (Course 123 for juniors)
 1. *Tears of the Giraffe* by Alexander McCall Smith
 2. *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion
 3. *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larsen

- AP English Literature (Course 124 for seniors)
 1. *Tears of the Giraffe* by Alexander McCall Smith
 2. *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
 3. *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys

Students will be tested on all selections within the first few weeks of school.

***New students who register after July 1, 2010, will be notified by the Director of Admissions concerning any changes to the summer reading expectations.**
