



Hingham Public Schools Summer Reading 6-12 Summer 2020

Overview

All students in grades 6-12 are expected to participate in the Summer Reading Program. Instructions, book lists, and note-taking templates may be found on the [Hingham Public Schools website](#) and at the Hingham Public Library. This year, to accommodate potential difficulties of accessing required and suggested texts, each grade level list will specify a title available to students at no cost on the public domain.

Rationale

In general, we view reading as a cornerstone for success throughout life. We promote summer reading because we believe that the habit of reading improves comprehension, syntactical awareness, vocabulary, spelling, and writing/grammatical skills. We also hope that students will explore and ultimately value reading as an enjoyable leisure-time pursuit. *This year especially, summer reading offers a unique opportunity for students in all grades to maintain and/or enhance reading and literacy skills in a year where direct instruction was unexpectedly impacted.*

Criteria and Sources for Selection

Any given list will reflect a blend of classic and contemporary works of fiction and nonfiction, the depiction of characters who exhibit a variety of cultural differences, a representation of minority authors and characters, and a balanced list of titles in terms of gender appeal. Parents are encouraged to assist students in making choices that are appropriate for and acceptable to both the student and his/her family. For assistance with such decisions, you may wish to consult reviews on the School Library Journal website: <http://www.slj.com/>

Evaluation

When school resumes, teachers provide a variety of grade-appropriate options for writing and discussion related to summer reading.

Requirements

Requirements for the summer of 2020 have changed from previous years. Current requirements for students entering each grade level are as follows:

Grades 6-8: Read one book of your own choice from your grade-level list and fill out the accompanying note template.

Grades 9-12: Read the required selection highlighted on each grade-level list and review note-taking suggestions.

Please note the following:

- Separate requirements are specified for seniors enrolled in AP Literature and juniors enrolled in AP Language.
- For the summer of 2020 there will be no all-school community reading selection at Hingham Middle School.

As a final note, given the many changes brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of what the road ahead will look like, we have attempted to put together a summer reading program that will both maximize opportunities for students to engage in worthy, enjoyable reading experiences and minimize any possible challenges that orchestrating such a program remotely may potentially cause. Thank you for your assistance with these efforts. We hope that your summer reading experience is a rewarding one. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Andrews, Director of English, at mandrews@hinghamschools.org

