“The man who doesn’t read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read them.” ~ Mark Twain

All high school students in Newport News are required to complete the following summer reading assignments prior to school in September. When school resumes in the fall, students will engage in written responses. Reading is essential to critical thinking and preparation for College, Careers, and Citizenship.

**9th Grade:**
*Fallen Angels*, Walter Dean Myers
*Speak*, Laurie Halse Anderson
*Autobiography of a Face*, Lucy Grealy
*Maus I and II*, Art Spiegelman
*The Last Lecture*, Randy Pausch
*Feed*, M.T. Anderson
*Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie*, David Lubar
*We Beat the Street*, Davis, Jenkins, Hunt, & Draper

**Honors**
*Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury
*Call of the Wild*, Jack London
*The Invisible Man*, H.G. Wells
*A Soldier’s Play*, Charles Fuller
*The Hot Zone*, Richard Preston
*The Count of Monte Cristo*, Alexandre Dumas
*The Mists of Avalon*, Marion Zimmer Bradley
*Slapshot*—Five, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

**10th Grade:**
*Tuesdays with Morrie*, Mitch Albom
*The Book Thief*, Marcus Zusak
*Bleachers*, John Grisham
*The Secret Life of Bees*, Sue Monk Kidd
*Powers*, Ursula K. Le Guin
*The Lovely Bones*, Alice Sebold
*Way Past Cool*, Jess Mowry
*The Curious Incident of a Dog in the Night-Time*, Mark Haddon

**Honors**
*Anthem*, Ayn Rand
*Cry, The Beloved Country*, Alan Paton
*The Catcher in the Rye*, J. D. Salinger
*A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens
*Black Boy*, Richard Wright
*The Last of the Mohicans*, James Fenimore Cooper
*The Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Maya Angelou

**11th Grade:**
*Tortilla Flat*, John Steinbeck
*The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan
*The Color Purple*, Alice Walker
*Ender’s Game*, Orson Scott Card
*The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls
*The Water is Wide*, Pat Conroy
*Cold Mountain*, Charles Frazier
*Up From Slavery*, Booker T. Washington

**Honors**
*1984*, George Orwell
*As I Lay Dying*, William Faulkner
*Native Son*, Richard Wright
*The Awakening*, Kate Chopin
*In Cold Blood*, Truman Capote
*The Jungle*, Upton Sinclair
*Long Day’s Journey into Night*, Eugene O’Neill
*A Farewell to Arms*, Ernest Hemingway

**12th Grade:**
*Catch-22*, Joseph Heller
*Fences*, August Wilson
*Into the Wild*, Jon Krakauer
*The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini
*The Road*, Cormac McCarthy
*East of Eden*, John Steinbeck
*Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen
*The Bell Jar*, Sylvia Plath
*Life of Pi*, Yann Martel
*Senioritis*, Tate Thompson
*Beloved*, Toni Morrison
*Girl with a Pearl Earring*, Tracy Chevalier
*The Salt Eaters*, Toni Cade Bambara
*One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, Ken Kesey
*The Woman Warrior*, Maxine Hong Kingston
*The Handmaid’s Tale*, Margaret Atwood

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