

DLS 2008 Summer Reading List
Freshmen & Sophomores



Students are to choose one of the following books to read over the summer. They will be tested on the book during the first week of school.

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| Freshmen | <i>Princess Bride</i> by William Goldman
<i>The Once and Future King</i> by T.H. White
<i>The Good Earth</i> by Pearl Buck
<i>A Separate Peace</i> by John Knowles |
| Sophomores | <i>The Scarlet Letter</i> by Nathaniel Hawthorne
<i>Invisible Man</i> by Ralph Ellison
<i>A Farewell to Arms</i> by Ernest Hemingway |

*Students who would like to earn 10% extra credit toward their first BAM report may read a second book from the list and complete the following report. Students may NOT write a report in lieu of the test or on the same novel on which they plan to be tested. The report must be typed. Reports are due **Friday, August 22nd at 7:55 a.m.***

Summer Reading Extra Credit Assignment

Title: _____ Author: _____

1. Describe the **SETTING** (time and place) of the novel.
2. Write a **PLOT SUMMARY** that covers the beginning, middle, and end of the book (no more than 150 words).
3. List the names of the **MAIN CHARACTERS** (no more than 4) and provide a brief description of each character.
4. Focus on **ONE of the main characters** listed above. For this character, **find 3 important quotations that reveal something about his/her personality**. Copy each quote exactly (write the page number in parentheses at the end of each quote), and explain what each quote reveals about the character's personality.

The following signed affidavit must be attached to the report.

My son/daughter, _____, read the book on which he/she wrote the attached extra credit assignment.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

**DLS 2008 Summer Reading List
Juniors & Seniors**

This summer Juniors and Seniors are required to read one of the books assigned to their class level.

Juniors	<u>Emma</u> by Jane Austen <u>Grapes of Wrath</u> by John Steinbeck <u>Les Miserables</u> by Victor Hugo – <i>abridged version acceptable</i> <u>Great Expectations</u> by Charles Dickens
Seniors	<u>Cry the Beloved Country</u> by Alan Paton

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE SCHOOL POLICY REGARDING THIS REQUIREMENT.

Students who do not complete this requirement according to the schedule specified below will not be allowed to continue in DLS course work.

Thursday, August 21st, 3:45pm – 4:30pm – Exam for all Juniors and Seniors (NO EXCEPTIONS). The exam is designed specifically to ensure that you have read the book completely and not just *Cliff Notes*. Please read the book carefully.

Students who do not satisfy the August 21st requirement must do the following by **October 6**.

1. turn in a 1000 word essay on their assigned novel, **and**
2. pass a second objective exam.

Students who have not satisfactorily completed one of the two testing requirements will not be allowed to continue with DLS course work.