



COLD SPRING HARBOR JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

With summer on the horizon, we're excited to offer students a meaningful opportunity to continue learning beyond the classroom through our annual summer reading. Our summer reading suggestions emphasize student choice – designed to promote curiosity, independence, and a lifelong love of reading, this is open to all students entering grades 7–12.

Those not enrolled in Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) English courses may select titles that reflect their interests and reading preferences. Suggested book lists are included below. While students in Honors and Advanced Placement courses receive specific reading assignments before the end of the school year, all students are expected to read over the summer. Please take note of the following guidelines:

- All students entering Grades 7-10, Grade 11 Regents English, and Grade 12 ICE will be required to read at least one book of their choice over the summer months. The book(s) chosen may not be from a previously taught curriculum.
- Students entering English 10 Honors will all read *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*.
- Students entering AP Seminar will read *Things Fall Apart*.
- Students entering AP Language will be required to read both *The Things They Carried* and *The Best American Essays of the Century*.
- Students entering AP Literature will all read *Crime and Punishment*.
- Students in 10 Honors, AP Seminar, AP Language and AP Literature have an accompanying writing assignment.

Students in Honors and AP courses should also complete the associated writing assignments distributed prior to summer break. Copies of these books are provided to these students by the school.

If your child is not in an Honors or AP course, they are invited to browse our recommended reading lists by grade level. These lists are designed to help students discover books that align with their interests and reading preferences.

We hope this summer reading experience allows students to enjoy literature in a way that feels both personal and purposeful. A brief, student-centered activity will follow in September to reflect on their reading.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gieser at (631) 367-6886. We wish you and yours a safe and relaxing summer.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Megan Gieser
Humanities Director

Mr. Daniel Danbusky
Jr/Sr High School Principal

Suggested reading lists for students entering:

[Grade 7 & 8](#)

[Grade 11 Regents](#)

[Grade 9 & 10](#)

[Grade 12 ICE](#)

Required reading and written assignments for students entering:

[Grade 10 Honors- *The Death Ivan Ilyich* by Leo Tolstoy](#)

[AP Seminar - *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe](#)

[AP Language- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien and selected essays from *The Best American Essays of the Century*](#)

[AP Literature- *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky](#)