

## **Balboa High School Summer Reading Assignment**

### **What do you mean “summer reading?”**

Each year, Balboa’s students are required to read *two* works of literature over the summer for their English class the following year.

### **What if I don’t do the reading?**

In the fall, you will be required by your pathway to write an essay about the summer reading. Your teachers will expect that you have finished the reading by the first day of school. If you haven’t done the reading, it will affect your grade significantly.

### **How do I know what to read?**

You are to choose ONE book from the grade-level lists below. Then, choose ONE book on your own. This book must be appropriate for school, interesting to you, and at your reading skill level. You may choose your second book from the grade-level list if you wish.

### **How am I supposed to remember what I read over the summer for an essay in the fall?**

To make sure you remember the books you read, it is a good idea to do one or more of the following:

- a) take notes as you read about setting, plot, characters, main ideas, etc.
- b) write down questions as you read and try to answer them as you get further in
- c) keep a list of words you don’t understand and look them up in a dictionary
- d) keep a journal about your reading – questions, opinions, confusions, and more

### **Where am I supposed to get these books?**

- a) All of the listed books (see next page) should be in any of the public libraries in San Francisco. If one doesn’t have it, they can tell you which ones do.
- b) You can also buy the books from a bookstore. You can go to a new bookstore like Borders or a used bookstore like Dog-Eared Books in the Mission. The best way to find stores is to use the Yellow Pages and call the store to see if they have a copy of the book you are looking for, used or new.

**Grade-level reading lists:**

**Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders (class of 2013) – OPTIONAL**

Title	Author
<i>Cry the Beloved Country</i>	Paton
<i>The Odyssey</i>	Homer
<i>When the Rainbow Goddess Wept</i>	Brainard
<i>The Aeneid</i>	Virgil
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	Carroll
<i>Arrow of God</i>	Achebe
<i>Aura</i>	Fuentes
<i>Dance Hall of the Dead</i>	Hillerman
<i>The Fellowship of the Ring</i>	Tolkien
<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	Swift
<i>The Hobbit</i>	Tolkien
<i>The Human Comedy</i>	Saroyan
<i>The Iliad</i>	Homer
<i>The King Must Die</i>	Renault
<i>Kitchen</i>	Yoshimoto
<i>Nectar in a Sieve</i>	Markandaya
<i>The once and Future King</i>	White
<i>A Single Pebble</i>	Hersey
<i>Walkabout</i>	Marshall

**Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> graders (class of 2012)**

Title	Author
<i>Barrio Boy</i>	Galarza
<i>Black Boy</i>	Wright
<i>Bless Me, Ultima</i>	Anaya
<i>China Boy</i>	Lee
<i>Fallen Angels</i>	Myers
<i>A Gathering of Old Men</i>	Gaines
<i>The Joy Luck Club</i>	Tan
<i>Julius Caesar</i>	Shakespeare
<i>The Kitchen God's Wife</i>	Tan
<i>No-no Boy</i>	Okada
<i>He Piano Lesson</i>	Wilson
<i>Skin Deep</i>	Garcia
<i>Typical American</i>	Jen
<i>Wooden Fish Songs</i>	McCunn
<i>A Yellow Raft in Blue Water</i>	Dorris
<i>China Men</i>	Kingston
<i>Fifth Chinese Daughter</i>	Wong
<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	Baldwin
<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Angelou
<i>Living Up the Street</i>	Soto

**Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> Graders (class of 2011)**

Title	Author
<i>Animal Dreams</i>	Kingsolver
<i>The Bluest Eye</i>	Morrison
<i>Hiroshima</i>	Hershey
<i>House Made of Dawn</i>	Momaday
<i>Lakota Woman</i>	Crow Dog
<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	Steinbeck
<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>	Hawthorne
<i>Self-Reliance</i>	Emerson
<i>Snow Falling on Cedars</i>	Guterson
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Lee
<i>Walden</i>	Thoreau
<i>Billy Budd</i>	Melville
<i>Catch-22</i>	Heller
<i>Farewell to Arms</i>	Hemingway
<i>As I Lay Dying</i>	Faulkner
<i>Cannery Row</i>	Steinbeck
<i>The Good Earth</i>	Buck
<i>Invisible Man</i>	Ellison
<i>My Antonia</i>	Cather
<i>Native Son</i>	Wright
<i>The Natural</i>	Malamud
<i>Reservation Blues</i>	Alexie
<i>The Sea Wolf</i>	London
<i>The Sound and the Fury</i>	Faulkner
<i>Tortilla Flat</i>	Steinbeck

**Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> Graders (class of 2010)**

Title	Author
<i>Beloved</i>	Morrison
<i>Beowulf</i>	Anonymous
<i>Brave New World</i>	Huxley
<i>Brothers Karamazov</i>	Dostoyevsky
<i>Don Quixote</i>	Cervantes
<i>Siddhartha</i>	Hesse
<i>Love in the Time of Cholera</i>	Marquez
<i>100 Years of Solitude</i>	Marquez
<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	Dickens
<i>A Room with a View</i>	Forster
<i>As You Like It</i>	Shakespeare
<i>Anthony and Cleopatra</i>	Shakespeare
<i>Crime and Punishment</i>	Dostoyevsky
<i>Dr. Zhivago</i>	Pasternak
<i>Henry IV</i>	Shakespeare
<i>King Lear</i>	Shakespeare
<i>Bleak House</i>	Dickens
<i>Madame Bovary</i>	Flaubert
<i>The Cherry Orchard</i>	Chekov
<i>The Merchant of Venice</i>	Shakespeare
<i>Oliver Twist</i>	Dickens
<i>The Plague</i>	Camus
<i>A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</i>	Joyce
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Austen
<i>Richard III</i>	Shakespeare
<i>The Trial</i>	Kafka
<i>War and Peace</i>	Tolstoy