



## BUFFALO ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART

# REQUIRED SUMMER READING LIST 2009-2010

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### FRESHWOMEN

#### English

Literature Survey I

**Read both of the books below.** As you read, please record a response to each chapter in a composition notebook. We will use these responses in a writing assignment in September:

- ❖ All But My Life – Gerda Weissman Klein
- ❖ Inherit the Wind – Jerome Lawrence & Robert E. Lee

Literature Survey I Honors

#### Required:

- ❖ All But My Life – Gerda Weissman Klein
- ❖ 1984 – George Orwell

#### Choose TWO from the following:

- ❖ The Color of Water – James McBride
- ❖ Bean Trees – Barbara Kingsolver
- ❖ Shizuko's Daughter– Kyoko Mori

Over the course of the summer, keep a reading journal on each book. In the journal, take notes on the characters and important events in each chapter or part of the literary work. Record questions you have and identify short quotations (2-3 lines) that seem to reveal important information about the characters' personalities. At the beginning of the school year, you will be asked to take a summer reading examination and to respond in writing to the works you read. The reading journal will assist you when you are preparing for this examination.

**Religion** - Brother Leo Remembers Francis – Roderic Petrie

**Social Studies** – The Adventures of Ulysses – Bernard Evslyn and William Hunter

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### SOPHOMORES

#### English

Literature Survey II

#### Choose TWO of the following:

- ❖ Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck
- ❖ Catcher In The Rye - J.D. Salinger
- ❖ A Tree Grows in Brooklyn – Betty Smith



Literature Survey II Honors

#### Choose THREE of the following:

- ❖ Rebecca – Daphne DuMaurier
- ❖ The Heart is a Lonely Hunter – Carson McCullers
- ❖ Catcher in the Rye – J.D. Salinger
- ❖ A Separate Peace – John Knowles

**Religion** – The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe - C.S. Lewis

**Social Studies** – AP World History - Barron’s AP World History Review – The first 4 units up to the French Revolution.

– Regents World History - Night – Elie Wiesel

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## JUNIORS

### English

American Literature

**Choose TWO of the following:**

- ❖ The Things They Carried – Tim O’Brien
- ❖ Their Eyes Were Watching God – Zora Hurston
- ❖ The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain
- ❖ Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury



AP Language and Composition / American Literature Honors

**Required:**

- ❖ The Things They Carried – Tim O’Brien
- ❖ Tess of D’Urbervilles – Thomas Hardy
- ❖ A Prayer for Owen Meany - John Irving

**Choose ONE of the following:**

- ❖ The Good Earth – Pearl S. Buck
- ❖ Song of Solomon – Toni Morrison
- ❖ The Bonesetter’s Daughter – Amy Tan

Over the course of the summer, keep a reading journal for each novel. Take notes on the characters and important events, and identify passages that seem to reveal important information about the development of the character and /or the overall meaning of the work. Develop two discussion questions on each work and record them in your reading journal. When you return to school, you will be asked to write an insightful paper on one of the required works, so you may want to begin thinking about possible topics and approaches as you read.

**Religion** –Choose one of the following: The Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls,  
Minaret - Leila Aboulela,  
My Sister’s Keeper - Jodi Picoult.

**Social Studies** – For AP U.S. History, read Chapters 1,2 and 3 of the AP textbook and complete the packets posted on Mrs. Taylor’s website.

-Regents and Honors U.S. History, please complete the summer media assignment posted on Mrs. Taylor’s website.

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## SENIORS

### English

British/World Literature

**Choose TWO of the following:**

- ❖ Frankenstein – Mary Shelley
- ❖ The Picture of Dorian Gray – Oscar Wilde
- ❖ The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini



A.P. English

**Read all of the following:**

- ❖ Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen
- ❖ The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood
- ❖ The Poisonwood Bible – Barbara Kingsolver
- ❖ The Awakening – Kate Chopin
- ❖ Olive Kitteridge – Elizabeth Strout (2009 Pulitzer Prize Winner)

**Choose ONE of the following:**

- ❖ All the Pretty Horses – Cormac McCarthy
- ❖ Obasan – Joy Kogawa
- ❖ The Color Purple – Alice Walker
- ❖ Catch 22 – Joseph Heller

**Religion** – When Bad Things Happen to Good People – Harold Kushner

**Social Studies** – For the People: What the Constitution Really Says About Your Rights - Akhil Reed Amar and Alan Hirsch