

Nichols School

Summer Reading List, 2009

10th Grade Summer Reading

English Department

Required Reading:

Regular Section:

Heaney, Seamus (Translator) “Beowulf”

Advanced Section:

Tolkien, J.R.R. (Translator) *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight/Pearl/Sir Orfeo*
(only need to read *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*)

In addition to the required text above, choose one book from the list below. **Detailed instructions for keeping the journals are below.**

Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Little Women</i>
Alger, Horatio	<i>Ragged Dick</i>
Dana, Richard Henry Jr.	<i>Two Years Before the Mast</i>
Eliot, George	<i>The Mill on the Floss</i>
Fern, Fanny	<i>Ruth Hall</i>
Follett, Ken	<i>The Pillars of the Earth</i>
Gaskell, Elizabeth	<i>North & South</i>
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	<i>The House of Seven Gables</i>
O’Brian, Patrick	<i>Master and Commander</i>
Parkman, Francis	<i>The Oregon Trail</i>
Shelley, Mary	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Stoker, Bram	<i>Dracula</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>Tom Sawyer</i>

JOURNAL INSTRUCTIONS

--Your journal may be either word-processed or handwritten, but should be legible and orderly, with dated entries.

--You should write a minimum of about 1000 words (1500 words for juniors), not counting quotes, on each title. The journal should not be more than 3000 words long.

--Entries should be made during the course of your reading; don't wait until the end of the book(s) to start writing. Each title should get a minimum of three or four entries in the journal.

--The journal should record your thoughts, impressions, and observations about the books as you read them. The journal is NOT to be written in the form of a plot summary, book

report, or formal expository paper. We are interested in how you respond emotionally and intellectually to PARTICULAR PASSAGES OF TEXT; quotes are essential.

--While your journal may be somewhat informal in style--personal reflections and the use of "I" are not only permitted but encouraged--you should use complete sentences and pay attention to grammar and spelling.

--As with all assignments in the Nichols English Department, we expect the journal to be original work drawn from a thorough reading of the texts. Use of Internet sources, as a shortcut to reading or as material for the journal, will be treated as plagiarism and referred to the Student Conduct Committee.

If you have questions about summer reading, please contact your rising class dean or any member of the English Department.

History Department

European History (all sections)

Regular Section:

Boccaccio, Giovanni

The Decameron - **Study Guide is a separate document.**

AP European History:

Ash, Timothy Garton

*The Magic Lantern: The Revolution of '89 Witnessed in
Warsaw, Budapest, Berlin, and Prague*