

Desert Heights Preparatory Academy Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The DHPA Summer Reading Assignment allows our students the opportunity to reinforce vital standards in reading and writing over the summer months and prepare for the rigor of the next school year. The philosophy underlying our summer reading program supports best practices in literacy instruction in that allowing such autonomy provides for better buy-in while also maintaining their individual reading levels. Students will have the autonomy in choosing their own novels to read while also practicing valuable skills in reading fluency, comprehension and analysis.

This year grade level/course assignments can be found on the links provided in the Coyote Connection Newsletter as well as email communication to all returning students. Attached below is a list of novels with which students are able to choose from to complete the summer reading assignment. We will also be providing printed copies of the assignment prior to the end of the school year upon request and available in the front office over the summer break.

All high school students will complete the summer reading assignment that corresponds with the grade level that they will be entering at the start of the next school year. For example, a current 8th grader that will be taking English 1 in the fall, will complete the 9th Grade Summer Reading assignment. Dual English students will complete the summer reading assignment that corresponds with the grade level they will be entering in the the fall.

We highly encourage parents and guardians of students entering 9th-12th Grade to be actively involved in the summer reading program, which encourages your child to fall in love with reading. Additionally, students and parents are encouraged to reach out to their English teacher for support or to answer questions over the summer months. Also, please make sure to check your email and Coyote Connection for updates and further information regarding the summer reading assignment.

**If you have any questions regarding the summer assignment,
please email the corresponding member of the DHPA High School English Department:**

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Summer Assignment Novel Selection

9 th and 10 th Grade	11 th and 12 th Grade
<i>Bomb</i> by Theodore Taylor	<i>The Alchemist</i> by Paulo Coelho
<i>Fault in Our Stars</i> by John Green	<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> by Lewis Carroll
<i>Flowers for Algernon</i> by Daniel Keyes	<i>The Blind Side: Evolution of the Game</i> by Michael Lewis
<i>Hoops</i> by Walter Dean Myers	<i>Death of a Salesman</i> by Arthur Miller
<i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding	<i>Into the Wild</i>
<i>1984</i> by George Orwell	<i>Moneyball: The Art of Winning</i> by Michael Lewis
<i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck	<i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i> by Stephen Chbosky
<i>Parrot in the Oven</i> by Victor Martinez	<i>Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead</i> by Tom Stoppard
<i>Red Badge of Courage</i> by Stephen Crane	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i> by Nathaniel Hawthorne
<i>Separate Peace</i> by John Knowles	<i>Slaughterhouse-Five</i> by Kurt Vonnegut
<i>Stormbreaker</i> by Anthony Horowitz	<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> by Khaled Hosseini
<i>Tuesdays With Morrie</i> by Mitch Albom	<i>The Wave</i> by Todd Strasser
<i>Unwind</i> by Neal Shusterman	<i>World War Z</i> by Max Brooks