

**Brockton High School**  
**Summer Reading 2009 Extra Credit Assignment**



**Grade 12**

The more we read; the better readers we become. To encourage and reward students' reading, the Brockton High School English Department sponsors the Summer Reading Program. The following guidelines have been developed for all students who will be enrolled in a Senior English class in the fall of 2008.

As students taking Senior English, you will have the opportunity to earn extra credit toward your Term 1 grade. To do this, you will be required to read **one work** by any of the authors listed below and then complete the assignment on the reverse side of this paper. Your English teacher will collect this assignment during the first week of school.

Many of the authors listed are ones recommended in the Massachusetts English Language Arts Curriculum Frameworks. As with most books, the reading levels and subject matter vary. Therefore, we urge you to preview several books before making the choice most appropriate to your interests and ability. Librarians at the Brockton Public Library are familiar with our Summer Reading Program and will be very willing to help you locate and select books. In addition, family, friends, teachers, and area bookstores may be sources for these books.

We ask that you obtain the approval of your parent or guardian in your book selection, and have that person sign the form on the back side of this sheet, attesting that you have read the book and completed the extra credit assignment.

**Choose one full-length novel** by any of the authors below:

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| *Isabel Allende  | *William Faulkner  | *D.H. Lawrence  |
| *Maya Angelou<br>(Excluding <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> ) | *F. Scott Fitzgerald<br>(Excluding <i>The Great Gatsby</i> )           | Victor Martinez   |
| Truman Capote  | Ernest Gaines  | *Herman Melville  |
| Kate Chopin<br>(Excluding <i>The Awakening</i> )                     | Sue Grafton  | *Toni Morrison<br>(Excluding <i>The Bluest Eye</i> )    |
| James Clavell  | Ernest Hemingway<br>(Excluding <i>The Sun Also Rises</i> )             | Gloria Naylor   |
| Patricia Cornwall  | *Joseph Heller   | Tim O'Brien   |
| Pat Conroy   | Herman Hesse   | *Annie Proulx   |
| *Isak Dinesen  | Zora Neale Hurston<br>(Excluding <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> ) | *Ayn Rand   |
| E. L. Doctorow   | John Irving  | James Thurber   |
| Michael Dorris   | *Henry James   | Anne Tyler  |
| Daphne DuMaurier   | Ken Kesey<br>(Excluding <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> )       | *John Updike  |
| Ralph Ellison  | Jamaica Kincaid  | *Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.<br>(Excluding <i>Player Piano</i> ) |
|  |  | Alice Walker  |
|  |  | Thomas Wolfe  |

\*Recommended for, but not limited to, Advanced and College Preparatory Levels

