

Brockton High School
Summer Reading 2009 Extra Credit Assignment



Grade 9

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 Freshman English class in the fall of 2009.

As students taking Freshman 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 listed below:

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| *Jane Austen
(Excluding <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>) | Lois Duncan | Walter Dean Myers
(Excluding <i>Fallen Angels</i>) |
| *James Baldwin | Paula Fox
(Excluding <i>Slave Dancer</i>) | Gary Paulsen
(Excluding <i>Hatchet</i>) |
| Ray Bradbury
(Excluding <i>Fahrenheit 451</i>) | Kaye Gibbons | Robert Newton Peck |
| *Charlotte Bronte | John Grisham | *John Steinbeck
(Excluding
<i>Of Mice and Men</i> and/or <i>The Pearl</i>) |
| Pearl Buck | Rosa Guy
(Excluding <i>The Disappearance</i>) | *Mark Twain
(Excluding <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>) |
| *Willa Cather
(Excluding <i>My Antonia</i>) | Sarah Orne Jewett | Mildred Taylor |
| Agatha Christie | Stephen King | Amy Tan
(Excluding <i>The Joy Luck Club</i>) |
| *Stephen Crane | Norma Klein | Tobias Wolff |
| Michael Crichton | C. S. Lewis | Laurence Yep |
| *Charles Dickens
(Excluding <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>) | Jack London | |
| | Lois Lowry | |

*Recommended for, but not limited to, Advanced and College Preparatory Levels
(If you need extra space, attach your answers to this sheet.)

