



## Redwood Christian Middle School & High School

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Dear Parents and Incoming High School students:

Summer Break is just around the corner, and with it comes a few changes here at RCHS. In the past, the summer reading assignments have been based on the curriculum of your English instructor. This summer, the English Department is making some changes in an effort to give you more options to choose material that is of specific interest to you.

Below (attached), you will find a grade level table of reading selections from which to choose your summer reading novel, non-fiction, or play. Incoming freshmen may choose two (2) from any of the listed titles, with the exception of those specifically listed for AP Language and Composition and AP Literature and Composition. Sophomores may choose two (2) from the titles for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades; juniors may choose two (2) titles for 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and seniors may choose two (2) from the titles indicated for 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Over the summer months, read your chosen selections and return in August prepared to write an essay from a prompt specifically chosen for your grade level. This first assignment will be used to assess, not only your knowledge of the chosen selections, but also your ability to organize your thoughts according to a prompt that addresses specific literary elements. It is your benchmark work for the following year.

Note, should you choose to enroll in an AP English course, (AP Language or AP Literature) or an Honors course and do not complete the summer reading assignments specifically listed for these advanced AP/Honors courses, expect to be re-enrolled in the general English course within the first two weeks of classes.

The book selections may be checked out of your local library, downloaded to a Kindle or other device or purchased as you see fit. If you check the book out of the local library, be certain to renew the title in order to have the book or play in class the first two weeks of school in August. If you have any questions, feel free to email Mrs. Magee at [LouiseMagee@rcs.edu](mailto:LouiseMagee@rcs.edu). All of us in the English department look forward to seeing you in the fall!

God Bless your summer!

Louise C. Magee

***“You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.”***

*- Ray Bradbury*

Summer Reading Selections:

You may choose from your grade level selections or a grade higher as you see fit. Note your choice on the attached form and have that ready to turn in on the first day of class.

<p><b>Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> grade : General : (Read Two)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i> - Barrows and Shaffer</li> <li>2. <i>Mayor of Casterbridge</i> - Hardy</li> <li>3. <i>Mathematics? Is God Silent?</i> – Nickel</li> <li>4. <i>Frankenstein</i> – Shelley</li> <li>5. <i>Man For All Seasons</i>- Moore</li> <li>6. <i>Pygmalion</i> – Shaw</li> <li>7. <i>Richard the III</i> – Shakespeare</li> <li>8. <i>Raisin in the Sun</i> – Hansberry</li> <li>9. <i>Scottish Chiefs</i> – Katherine Porter</li> </ol>	<p><b>Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> grade : AP</b>  <b>** Must read: <i>Macbeth</i> – Shakespeare and <i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> – Foster (exclude chapters 16 and 17; you will not be held accountable for these chapters.)</b>  <b>PLUS 1 of the following</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Portrait of Dorian Gray</i> - Wilde</li> <li>2. <i>Les Miserables</i> - Hugo</li> <li>3. <i>Cyrano De Begerac</i> – Rostand</li> <li>4. <i>Fahrenheit 451</i>- Bradbury</li> <li>5. <i>Return of the Native</i> - Hardy</li> </ol>
<p><b>Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> grade : General : (Read Two)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Joy Luck Club</i> _ Amy Tan</li> <li>2. <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> – Ray Bradbury</li> <li>3. <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> – Zora Neale Hurston</li> <li>4. <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> – Frederick Douglass</li> <li>5. <i>Bless Me, Ultima</i> – Rudolfo anaya</li> <li>6. <i>Sea Wolf</i>–Jack London</li> <li>7. <i>Lonesome Dove</i> – Larry McMurtry</li> <li>8. <i>Uncle Tom’s Cabin</i> – Harriet Beecher Stowe</li> <li>9. <i>Our Town</i> – Thornton Wilder</li> </ol>	<p><b>Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> grade: Honors</b>  <b>**Must read: <i>And Then there Were None</i> – Christie</b>  <b>Plus 1 of the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Up from Slavery</i> – Booker T. Washington</li> <li>2. <i>The Bell Jar</i> – Sylvia Plath</li> <li>3. <i>Glass Menagerie</i> – Tennessee Williams</li> <li>4. <i>The Color Purple</i> – Walker</li> <li>5. <i>The Woman Warrior</i> – Maxine Hong Kingston</li> <li>6. <i>In Cold Blood</i> – Truman Capote</li> </ol>
<p><b>Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> graders : General (Read Two)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Profiles in Courage</i> – John F. Kennedy</li> <li>2. <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> - Douglass</li> <li>3. <i>Blink</i> – Malcolm Gladwell</li> <li>4. <i>David and Goliath</i> – Malcolm Gladwell</li> <li>5. <i>Lord of the Flies</i> - Golding</li> <li>6. <i>1984</i> – Orwell</li> <li>7. <i>Joy Luck Club</i> - Tan</li> </ol>	<p><b>Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> Grade : AP</b>  <b>Must read both of the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Blink</b> – Gladwell</li> <li>2. <b>Lord of the Flies</b> - Golding</li> </ol>
<p><b>Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students : (Read Two)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Last of the Mohicans</i> – Cooper</li> <li>2. <i>Jane Eyre</i> - Bronte</li> <li>3. <i>The Chosen</i> – Potok</li> <li>4. <i>Of Mice and Men</i> – Stienbeck</li> <li>5. <i>Kite Runner</i> – Hosseini</li> <li>6. <i>King Solomon’s Mines</i> – Haggard</li> </ol>	<p>8. <i>Ender’s Game</i> – Card</p>

7. <i>Once and Future King</i> – White

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### Summer Reading Report

*This form must be submitted by the first day of school:*

**9<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Magee**

**10<sup>th</sup> – Mr. McDaniel**

**11<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Cherry**

**12<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Magee/Mrs Suth**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Books read\*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature\*\*

\*Books must be from the approved Summer Reading List for each grade.

\*\*Parents please verify that your student has completed the readings before signing.