

HUMANITIES 9 PROGRAM SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT 2009

Farmingdale High School
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FUTURE HUMANITIES 9 STUDENTS:

Please be aware that Humanities 9 students are responsible for reading one novel over the summer. In addition, assignments based on the reading will be due the first few weeks of school. **Please read all the information in the enclosed packet carefully.** Good Luck. I look forward to meeting you in September.

Task:

With the permission of your parent/guardian, read any award winning/bestselling novel of your choice. This may include fiction, non-fiction, and even young adult literature. The novel does not need to be current and **there is no need to buy the book.** *The Farmingdale Public Library has received a copy of this assignment, and will be prepared to help you in your search.* There is a permission slip for your parent/guardian to sign.

Be prepared to complete an assignment during the first few weeks of school based on your novel.

In preparation for this assignment, complete the notes page attached.

Guidelines:

- ⇒ Get the permission slip signed. Be prepared to hand it in during the first few weeks of school.
- ⇒ Complete the notes page attached.
- ⇒ Be neat and proofread your work.
- ⇒ The only titles you are asked **not** to read are: *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden, *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri, *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck, *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe and *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. These novels **may** be part of the required reading for the school year

The following is a list, in no particular order, of authors who have been popular with past students. **This is NOT a required list.** Feel free to deviate and read an author who is not listed below. Have fun!

YOUNG ADULT AUTHORS:

Stephenie Meyer
Chris Crutcher
Laurie Halse Anderson
Meg Rosoff
Laurie Faria Stolarz
Meg Cabot
Christopher Paolini
Tamora Pierce
Lois Duncan
M. T. Anderson
Patricia McCormick
Mike Lupica
Gabrielle Zevin
Gary Paulsen

ADULT BESTSELLING/AWARD WINNING AUTHORS:

Jodi Picoult
Nicholas Sparks
Mary Higgins Clark
James Patterson
Dean Koontz
Ken Follett
John Grisham
Sue Monk Kidd
Dan Brown
Stephen King
Mark Haddon
Mitch Albom
Toni Morrison

(Since suggested reading may contain mature themes, parents/guardians are encouraged to seek reviews to determine the appropriateness for their child. Book reviews can be obtained through the local library or by accessing an online bookstore. The titles and authors mentioned are suggestions, so please feel free to make substitutions.)

NOTES ON MY NOVEL

(The due date for this page will be given during the first week of school. You may type this if you wish.)

Title of Novel: _____

Author of Novel: _____

The Setting: _____

Point of View: _____

Give a brief description of the major and supporting characters.

CHARACTER	DESCRIPTION

List any important conflicts and turning points in the novel.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

List any important lessons/insights/messages or themes:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Describe the author's style, or use of language.

Why did you select this novel? (Include how you found this title, who recommended it, and if you have read any books by this author before.)

Would you read another book by this author?

What types of books do you like to read? List any authors or titles you have enjoyed in the past.

FARMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL
Humanities 9 Program

May 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Humanities 9! I am looking forward to meeting both you and your child in September.

Due to the nature of this prestigious program, the students are expected to read over the summer. This novel may be one of choice, with your approval. Enclosed are specific details and guidelines.

Please be aware that though many of the suggested authors within the packet are suitable for young adults, some material may be objectionable to you, as concerned parents. *As a result, keep in mind the selection is completely up to you. There is a permission sheet attached. This is to confirm that you are not only aware of the reading selection, but approve it. Please sign and have your son/daughter return it in September.

If you have any questions regarding the assignment, feel free to contact me at 516-752-6600 until the end of June.

Thank you for your anticipated support. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cornell

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APPROVAL SHEET FOR OUTSIDE READING
HUMANITIES 9
CORNELL/MCLAUGHLIN

Student's Name (Print)

Title of Novel

Author of Novel

I think this novel is about

I want to read this novel because

Parent/Guardian's Signature

(By signing the above I approve my son/daughter's selected outside reading.)