

HUMANITIES 9 PROGRAM SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT 2010
Farmingdale High School

FUTURE HUMANITIES 9 STUDENTS:

Welcome scholars! Please be aware that, as a scholar, it is expected that you be a life-long reader. It is your job to select one novel to read over the summer which you will be prepared to share with your peers in September. **Please read all the information in the enclosed packet carefully.** Good luck. I look forward to meeting you! Remember, enjoy the book!

--Mrs. Cornell

Task:

With the permission of your parent/guardian, read any award winning or best selling novel. This may include whatever you like. The novel does not need to be current. It may be fiction or non-fiction, 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 discuss your novel in class during the first few weeks of school.

Guidelines:

- ⇒ Get the permission slip signed. Be prepared to hand it in during the month of September.
- ⇒ The only titles you are asked **not** to read are: *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden, *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck, and *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. These **may** be part of the required reading for the school year

The following is a list, in no particular order, of contemporary authors who have been popular with past students. **This is NOT a required list**, simply one to give you ideas if you need. Feel free to deviate and read any author who is not listed below. Have fun!

YOUNG ADULT AUTHORS:

Stephenie Meyer
Suzanne Collins
J.K. Rowling
Rick Riordan
Chris Crutcher
Laurie Halse Anderson
Meg Rosoff
Laurie Faria Stolarz
Meg Cabot
Christopher Paolini
Lois Duncan
M. T. Anderson
Patricia McCormick
Mike Lupica
Gabrielle Zevin
Gary Paulsen
Walter Dean Myers

ADULT BESTSELLING/AWARD WINNING AUTHORS:

Jodi Picoult
Jhumpa Lahiri
Khaled Hosseini
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
David Baldacci

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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 the 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
Humanities 9 Teacher

**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.*

