

## Summer Reading at Rolling Hills Preparatory School 2008

Students are required to read two books during the summer, but are not required to turn in any book reports on the first day of school. However, activities that reflect summer reading on at least one book will take place during the first week of the fall trimester. AP English Language students are required to do extra reading and writing during the summer.

### Upper School All-School Book (current 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> graders)

All upper school students are required to read the all-school book. This year the book is *My Personal Best*, by John Wooden, the former coach of UCLA's championship basketball team.

### Middle School Summer Reading Assignment for English Classes

**For students who will be in seventh grade next year** (current sixth grade): Read two books from the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade list. Be prepared to engage in writing activities on those books during the first few weeks of class. (List Follows.)

**For students who will be in eighth grade next year:** Read *April Morning* by Howard Fast and answer the questions on the novel. Be prepared for a test and for activities on the book when you return to school in September.

Eighth graders are also encouraged to read one book from the eighth grade list.

### Upper School Summer Reading Assignments for English Classes

**For students who will be in ninth grade next year** (English I): Choose one book and expect to write an essay on it during the first week of class:

Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game*  
Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Bean Trees*

**For students who will be in tenth grade next year** (English II):

Please choose one book from the following list to read during the summer. You will be expected to write an essay on this book during the first week of school.

Austen, Jane. *Pride and Prejudice*  
Ballard, J.G. *Empire of the Sun*  
Bronte, Charlotte. *Jane Eyre*  
Dickens, Charles. *Great Expectations*

Defoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe*  
Dostoevsky, Feodor. *Crime and Punishment*  
Eliot, George. *Silas Marner*  
Ishiguro, Kazuo. *Never Let Me Go*  
Orwell, George. *1984*.  
Remarque, Erich Maria. *All Quiet on the Western Front*  
Swift, Jonathan. *Gulliver's Travels*  
Voltaire. *Candide* (Do not choose this book if you are taking AP European History)  
Wiesel, Elie. *Night*

**For students who will be in eleventh grade (English III):**

Please read *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. Expect to complete an essay test and some assignments on the novel during the first week of class.

**For students who will be in twelfth grade (English IV):**

Please read *The Stranger* by Albert Camus. Expect to complete an essay test and some assignments on the novel during the first week of class.

**For students who will be in Advanced Placement English Language and Composition next year (includes 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students):**

Please read *The Stranger* by Albert Camus. Expect to complete an essay test and some assignments on the novel during the first week of class.

In addition, please choose one of the following contemporary novels to read. You must answer questions on the novel and bring those questions to class on the first day of school.

Allende, Isabel. *The House of the Spirits*  
Coetzee, J.M. *Waiting for the Barbarians*  
Dorris, Michael. *Yellow Raft on Blue Water*  
Foer, Jonathan Safran. *Everything is Illuminated*  
Foer, Jonathan Safran. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*  
Guterson, David. *Snow Falling on Cedars*  
Ishiguro, Kazuo. *Never Let Me Go*  
Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Poisonwood Bible*  
Morrison, Toni. *Beloved*  
Murakami, Haruki. *Kafka on the Shore*  
O'Brien, Tim. *The Things They Carried*  
Proulx, Annie. *The Shipping News*  
Saramago, Jose. *Blindness*

