

BRIARCREST 2009 SUMMER READING LIST

In lieu of a comprehension test in the fall, all students will complete a study packet for each reading; honors students will also complete a journaling assignment for selected readings. Instructions for the assignments will be distributed at the end of the 2008-09 school year. Instructions are also available on your teacher's webpage and at the school's front office. Upon returning to school in August, students will take an essay quiz on each reading.

- 9th 1204 (standard) *The Outsiders*, Hinton
 The Old Man and the Sea, Hemingway
- 1206 (honors) *The Outsiders*, Hinton
 The Old Man and the Sea, Hemingway
 Choose ONE of the following:
 Jane Eyre, C. Bronte
 Great Expectations, Dickens
- 10th 2204 *Wuthering Heights*, E. Bronte
 The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Stevenson
- 2206 *Wuthering Heights*, E. Bronte
 The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Stevenson
 The Turn of the Screw, Henry James
- 11th 3204 (standard) *Fahrenheit 451*, Bradbury
 Our Town, Wilder
- 3206 (honors) *Fahrenheit 451*, Bradbury
 Our Town, Wilder
 The Great Gatsby, Fitzgerald
- 3298 (AP) *Profiles in Courage*, 50th Anniversary Edition
 Other readings from contemporary news sources
- 12th 4204 (standard) *Frankenstein*, Shelley
 The Taming of the Shrew, Shakespeare
- 4206 (honors) *The Pilgrim's Progress*, Book 1, Bunyan
 The Taming of the Shrew, Shakespeare
 Othello, Shakespeare
- 4298 (AP) *The Pilgrim's Progress*, Book I, Bunyan
 Hard Times, Dickens
- Readings should be from a classic edition of each text, not a "modern" version of the book.
 After reading the two assigned books (above), students will prepare a documented paper based on further instructions from the teacher's webpage after June 1.

Dear Briarcrest Parents,

We offer our students a program to encourage reading throughout the summer. We realize that most Briarcrest students *are* readers, and we hope the attached list will guide their selections. The books have been selected to reinforce the literature program during the school year.

Before next fall, each student is responsible for having read the books assigned to his/her class. In lieu of a comprehension test, **the student also must complete a STUDY GUIDE PACKET for each book read and honor students must complete a JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT for two of the books** (the specific instructions for these assignments will be distributed during exam week and will also be available on your teacher's webpage). During the first week of school, students will take an essay quiz on each reading.

The books are available at local libraries and book stores such as Davis Kidd, Borders, Barnes & Noble, etc. The list is also available on the Briarcrest web site.

*****Please indicate by your signature that you have seen this book list and have your student bring this sheet, along with his/her completed study guide and journal to school *the first day of class for a grade*.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The English Department

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

***If you as a parent feel that any of the books listed above is not suitable for your student to read, please call the high school office (751-6400) by July 25 so that we may secure an alternate selection.**