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2017 Summer Reading Lists: Grades 9 – 12

Thornton-Donovan’s English Department requires summer reading for all students. These readings will be the focus of discussion during the opening days of the school year. Students will be asked to write essays on their selected readings upon their return. Students have one required text and one choice of text, as follows . . .

<p>English 9</p> <p>Required Reading: <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> – Mark Twain</p> <p>Plus one of the following: <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> – J. R. R. Tolkien <i>Catch-22</i> – Joseph Heller <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> – Maya Angelou <i>The House on Mango Street</i> – Sandra Cisneros <i>The Bridge on the Drina</i> – Ivo Andrić <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> – Harper Lee <i>Little Women</i> – Louisa May Alcott <i>Jane Eyre</i> – Charlotte Brontë</p>	<p>English 10</p> <p>Required Reading: <i>David Copperfield</i> – Charles Dickens</p> <p>Plus one of the following: <i>The Tiger’s Wife</i> – Téa Obreht <i>Wide Sargasso Sea</i> – Jean Rhys <i>Like Water for Chocolate</i> – Laura Esquivel <i>1984</i> – George Orwell <i>Things Fall Apart</i> – Chinua Achebe <i>Out of Africa</i> – Isak Dinesen <i>The Color Purple</i> – Alice Walker <i>You Don’t Have to Live Here: a Novel</i> – Natasha Radojicic</p>
<p>American Literature</p> <p>Required Reading: <i>The Scarlet Letter</i> – Nathaniel Hawthorne</p> <p>Plus one of the following: <i>Summer Crossing</i> – Steve Tesich <i>The Virgin Suicides</i> – Jeffrey Eugenides <i>Time and Again</i> – Jack Finney <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> – Frederick Douglass <i>A Farewell to Arms</i> – Ernest Hemingway <i>Housekeeping</i> – Marilynne Robinson <i>The Portrait of a Lady</i> – Henry James <i>Moby Dick</i> – Herman Melville</p>	<p>British Literature</p> <p>Required Reading: <i>Mansfield Park</i> – Jane Austen</p> <p>Plus one of the following: <i>Troilus and Cressida</i> – William Shakespeare <i>The Old Curiosity Shop</i> – Charles Dickens <i>Middlemarch</i> – George Eliot <i>Mrs. Dalloway</i> – Virginia Woolf <i>Brave New World</i> – Aldous Huxley <i>And Then There Were None</i> – Agatha Christie <i>Wuthering Heights</i> – Emily Brontë <i>Three Men in a Boat</i> – Jerome K. Jerome</p>

Copies of all of these books are readily available in libraries and bookstores, as well as online.
 Have a great summer – and happy reading!!!