

*According to Literature in the Secondary School, NCTE Research Report 25, the following books and plays are taught in more high schools in the United States than any other selections. Most colleges would expect students to have read them. (All of these titles are taught either as choices or as required reading in the literature classes offered by Norfolk Public Schools.)*

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain  
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens  
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Hamlet by William Shakespeare  
Lord of the Flies by William Golding  
Macbeth by William Shakespeare  
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck  
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen  
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare  
The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

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This list can be used to guide you as you select books for summer reading. Ask your librarian for help in locating these and other good books. This list offers a wide range of literature which differs in subject matter, reading level, and sophistication. Not all books are appropriate for all students. Parents may want to participate in the selection process.

Those with an asterisk (\*) are offered in one or more literature classes in Norfolk Public Schools.

## **GRADE 9**

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, The by Sherman Alexie

All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Band of Angels by Julian F. Thompson

Beyond the Chocolate War by Robert Cormier

Children of the River by Linda Crew

A Circle of Children by Mary MacCracken

Copper Sun by Sharon Draper

Crazy Horse Electric Game by Chris Crutcher

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

\*Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons

Fallen Angels by Walter D. Myers

The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

I am the Messenger/The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury

Maus I and Maus II by Art Spiegelman

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Nothing But the Truth by Avi

\*River, Cross My Heart by Breena Clark

\*A Separate Peace by John Knowles

\*Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

Waiting for the Rain by Sheila Gordon

White Darkness, The by Geraldine McCaughrean

## **GRADE 10**

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren

The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton

Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns

Copper Sun by Sharon Draper

\*The Crucible by Arthur Miller

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart

\*Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton

\*A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

Ferris Beach by Jill Mcorkle

\*A Gathering of Old Men by Ernest J. Grimes

The Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy

\*I know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

\*Julius Caesar/ Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare

The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara

\*A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

Maus I and Maus II by Art Spiegelman

River Secrets by Shannon Hale

\*The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder

\*The Tempest by William Shakespeare

The Uglies series by Scott Westerfield

## **GRADE 11**

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

Bean Trees, The by Barbara Kingsolver

Black Boy by Richard Wright

The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton

\*Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

\*The Crucible by Auther Miller

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

\*A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams

\*The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

\*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Jesse by Gary Soto

Light in August/As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

Moby Dick by Herman Melville

The Natural by Bernard Malamud

The Old Man and Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Paper Towns by John Green

\*A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

Roots by Alex Haley

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

## **GRADE 12**

1984 by George Orwell

\*The Accidental Tourist/Saint Maybe by Ann Tyler

\*The Awakening by Kate Chopin

Beloved by Toni Morrison

\*Catch 22 by Joseph Heller

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen

\*Fasting, Feasting by Anita Desai

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

\*Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

\*Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

\*July's People by Nadine Gordimer

Meridian by Alice Walker

Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka

The Millstone by Margaret Drabble

My Son's Story by Nadine Gordimer

Nervous Conditions by Tsitsi Dangarembga

Othello by William Shakespeare

\*A Portrait of the Artist... by James Joyce

Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen

\*Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut

\*Sons and Lovers by D.H. Lawrence

\*Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

\*Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

\*Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Although a few titles may appear under two grade levels, students in either grade may desire to read them.

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## **SUGGESTIONS FOR SUMMER READING GRADES 9-12**



2011-2012 Titles High School (9-12)

Because I Am Furniture by Thalia Chaltas

The Knife of Never Letting Go. (Book One of the Chaos Walking Series) by Patrick Ness,

Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X

The Orange Houses by Paul Griffin

The Red Necklace by Sally Gardner

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty by Geri Neri

The Secret Story of Sonia Rodriguez by Alan Sitomer

Boot Camp by Todd Strasser

After by Amy Efav

Hold Still by Nina LaCour