

**Ipswich High School Summer Reading 2009-10**  
**All Grades, CP1, CP2 and Honors**

**Introduction**

The Ipswich High School English Department encourages all students to read during the summer. Reading well-crafted books can provide hours of enjoyment and also give students the chance to broaden their horizons, stimulate their minds, and maintain and improve their academic skills. Students who read often are better thinkers, writers, and speakers. Those who read during the summer enrich their skills and their lives.

**Instructions**

The English Department is creating a new Literacy Initiative, to be implemented over the next few years. This includes **major changes** in this year's summer reading. **NOTE:** This year **all students are to do their summer reading in preparation for September, whether they have an English class first or second semester. CP1 and 2 students are to read one book, Honors Level students two.** There will be a brief written response done and collected in the classroom during the extended homeroom period the first day of school, and a sharing session at the first advisor-advisee meeting at the start of the year. Jotting down the title, author, and a few memorable details about the book would be helpful before returning to school. Remember the five principles of **active reading**: 1) **Ask questions** as you read; 2) **Visualize** (picture the action being described); 3) Try to **predict** what will happen; 4) Try to **make connections** with your own experience; and 5) **Respond** to the story.

Students who complete their summer reading as evidenced by their report will be offered two extra credit points on their first quarter (or third quarter) English average.

**Reading Selections**

Students should go to the American Library Association/YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) website: [www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/obcb](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/obcb).

- CP2 and Honors students should pick from the Outstanding Books for the College Bound options, which will offer five lists of titles, broken up by subject areas, each containing about two dozen suggested books, with brief blurbs about each, to help find a book of personal interest:
  1. Arts and Humanities List
  2. History and Cultures List
  3. Literature and Language List
  4. Science and Technology List
  5. Social Sciences List
  
- Or, CP2 and Honors may choose from the ten books listed under "Alex Awards," for books written for adults, which are also of particular interest to young adults.
  
- CP-1 students may also make use of the following:
  1. Best Books for Young Adults
  2. Quick Picks for Reluctant YA Readers