

DeBakey High School Summer Reading List - All Grades

Dear Parents,

Your student has received the Summer Reading List identifying the reading required **before** entering the English class for this 2019-2020 school year. The purpose of summer reading is to: encourage reading, set expectations for English classrooms, assess reading and writing skills, and expose students to literature found on the AP exams. We are confident that this reading program will enrich our exemplary school curriculum as well as our students for future academic challenges; however, please be advised that some selections contain adult language, themes, and situations. Encourage your student to begin reading **now**. Please read the instructions and the list before the end of this school year. During the **first two weeks** of school, students will be formally tested on their comprehension of these well-known works.

The testing process is rigorous and includes characters and motivation, plot, themes, quotations, application of literary terms and close reading skills. The exam(s) constitute **20% of your child's cycle 1 grade**. In order to assist your child to gain a better understanding of each book, we have provided a **Reading Guide** for each book. The Reading Guides have been delivered to students on campus and extra copies are also available in the Main Office during the summer.

****The Reading Guide is designed to help the student attain a deeper understanding of the novel. It is not meant to be a substitute for reading the book or as the only method for studying for the exam.**

9th Grade: **English I:** *Fahrenheit 451* (Bradbury) - Novel

10th Grade: **English II and English II PAP:** *Great Expectations* (Dickens)-Novel

11th Grade: **English III:** *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (Angelou) - Memoir
AP Lang. and Comp.: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (Angelou) and
Bless Me, Ultima (Anaya)- Novel

12th Grade: **English IV:** *Brave New World* (Huxley) -Novel
AP Lit. and Comp.: *Brave New World* (Huxley) and *As I Lay Dying* (Faulkner)-Novel

Please return this portion signed as an indication that you have received and read the 2019-2020 summer reading list and requirements. Your student should return this signed portion no later than May 24, 2019. Thank You.

(PRINT student name)

(Student signature)

(Parent signature)

(Date)