



BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION CENTER

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Prospective Grade 8, 9 and 10 Students:

This summer, you are required to select a book for a summer reading requirement from a short, carefully chosen list of interesting and high quality novels. The purpose of the summer reading is to continue the development of your reading strategies and to support vocabulary enrichment as well as spark your interest in some great books. In addition, this book can count toward your 10-book reading requirement.

This summer reading will prepare you for thoughtful discussion in either your English class or, for grade 10 students, your social studies class, as you begin your year in a new grade. You are required to select one of the titles from the list on the back of this letter. These are all popular books and are available in a variety of places; we have contacted the Boyertown Public Library as well as local booksellers to ask them to have these books in stock. We will also take orders if you wish to purchase them through the school.

Although it is not necessary, we encourage you to buy the book that you select so you can make notes in it and highlight interesting parts. It is important that you have a solid understanding of the characters, setting and plot in the book you choose since there will be a graded assessment when you return to school. (So, if you were wondering, “Does this count?” It does!)

As you read your book, some key ideas you may want to remember:

- Highlight parts that you want to discuss or share when you return to school;
- Make note of any interesting or unknown vocabulary words;
- Question the author; write your questions in the margin as a strategy to help you better understand the plot;
- Make predictions as you read and revise your predictions as you learn more;
- Make use of your inferring skills as you read since most authors have messages that are not easily recognized as part of the plot...what is the theme of your novel?

When you return to school in fall, remember to bring your book with you. We look forward to kicking off the year with great discussions about your summer reading!

From One Reader to Another,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Beerler".

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