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MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
2010 SUMMER READING LISTS & ASSIGNMENTS

In an effort to maintain high academic standards and to promote literacy, summer reading is a requirement at Holy Martyrs Armenian Elementary and Ferrahian High School. Due to a shorter summer break, the English department has decided **to require each student to read only one book**. Students, however, are highly encouraged to read additional books and will receive extra credit (please see “Extra Credit Summer Reading Form”).

Required and suggested books are listed on the following pages for each grade and academic level. Students are accountable to read the book listed at their *entering grade level*. A student can pick any grade appropriate title for extra credit and complete the attached form. The required book for each grade level must be purchased and brought to class during the beginning of the school year. AP classes have additional required readings and/or assignments provided by the AP instructors.

Students are required to complete the following ONE assignment for the REQUIRED Summer Reading Book:

Reading Journals: The student must complete **FIVE** Reading Journals by choosing from the “Questions for Reading Journals” handout (attached). The journals must present information from the beginning, middle and end of the book. The student must write a thoughtful response to the question by providing specific evidence and examples from the book to support his or her inferences. The response must be a **minimum of 300 words**. Students should type each question and the answer, include an MLA heading, and double space the document. **PROVIDE A PRINTED COPY TO YOUR TEACHER and SAVE YOUR JOURNALS.** You will be required to submit your summer assignment to TurnItIn.com at the beginning of the school year.

All assignments are due on Monday, August 30, 2010. No late assignments will be accepted, unless the student enrolled in school mid-August. The assignment will count for **10% of the first quarter grade**, which is worth about one letter grade.

IMPORTANT: Any form of plagiarism and/or cheating – *including the use of the internet* – on the assignments will result in the student receiving an automatic F (20%).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Sandra Halajian, the English Department Coordinator by e-mailing her at Mrs.Halajian@hotmail.com.

ENJOY YOUR BOOKS AND HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

**QUESTIONS FOR READING JOURNALS
(FOR THE REQUIRED BOOK)**

1. What were your feelings after reading the opening chapter(s) of this book? After reading half of the book? After finishing the book?
2. Did this book make you laugh? Cry? Smile? Cheer? Explode? Explain your reaction.
3. How is this book like (or not like) your own life? Explain.
4. What are the best parts of this book? What are the worst parts of this book? Why?
5. What was the author saying about life and living through this book? Why?
6. What parts of the book seem most believable? Why? What parts seem unbelievable? Why?
7. Do you think the title fits the book? Why or why not?
8. Do you like the ending of the book? Why or why not? Do you think there is more to tell? What do you think might happen next?
9. What do you feel is the most important word, sentence, or passage in the book? The most important event, character, feeling or decision? Why is it important?
10. In what ways are you like any of the characters? Explain.
11. Do any of the characters remind you of friends, family members, or classmates? Explain.
12. What character would you like to be in this book? Why?
13. What would you and your favorite character talk about in your first conversation? Begin the conversation.
14. What makes you wonder in this book? Why? What confuses you in this book? Why?
15. What came as a surprise in the book? Why?
16. Has this book helped you in any way? Explain.
17. How have you changed after reading this book? Explain.
18. How do you picture the author of this book? Why do you picture him or her in this way?
19. What questions would you like answered after reading this book? Why?
20. Who else should read this book? Why? Who shouldn't read this book? Why?

EXTRA CREDIT SUMMER READING FORM

(MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES IF NEEDED)

TITLE & AUTHOR OF BOOK	# OF PAGES	BRIEF SUMMARY & ANALYSIS
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HOLY MARTYRS ELEMENTARY AND FERRAHIAN HIGH SCHOOL

2010 SUMMER READING LIST

Entering Grade 6

Required Book:

The City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau

Suggested Books:

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
Hatche by Gary Paulsen
Zabelle by Nancy Krikorian
Bright Shadow by Avi
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
Stepping on the Cracks by Mary Downing Hahn
The City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau
How Tia Lola Came to Stay by Julia Alvarez
The Wanderer by Sharon Creech
A Long Way from Home by Richard Peck
Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wenderlin Van Draanen

Entering Grade 7

Required Book:

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Suggested Books:

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Finding Home by David Kherdian
Call of the Wild by Jack London
The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood
The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman
The Skin I'm In by Sharon Flake
The Circuit by Francisco Jimenez
Far North by Will Hobbs
Harry Potter Series by J. K. Rowling
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Entering Grade 8

Required Book:

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Suggested Books:

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt
Behind Rebel Lines by Seymour Reit
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Sweet 16 by Kate Brian
Off-Color by Janet McDonald

Entering Grade 9

Required Book:

Lord of the Flies by William Golding (Perigree Books)

Grade 9 Suggested Books:

My Name is Aram by William Saroyan
Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin
A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life by Dana Reinhardt
New Boy by David Klass
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
Izzy, Willy Nilly by Cynthia Voigt
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
Briar Rose Jane Yolen
Bearstone by Will Hobbs
The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze: and Other Stories by William Saroyan

Entering Grade 10

Required Book:

Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success by John Wooden and Jay Carty

Grade 10 Suggested Books:

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Black Boy by Richard Wright
The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
Daredevils of Sassoun by Leon Surmelian
Flush by Virginia Woolf
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Life of Pi by Yann Martel
A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
Pride and Prejudice and Zombies by Jane Austen & Seth Grahame Smith
A Separate Peace by John Knowles

Entering Grade 11 (Regular)

Required Book:

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey

Suggested Books:

'Tis by Frank McCourt
Dreams of Bread and Fire by Nancy Krikorian
Rise the Euphrates by Carol Edgarian
The Color Purple by Alice Walker
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper
The Autobiography of Malcom X by Malcom X
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
Accidental Tourist by Anne Tyler
Friday Night Lights by H. G. Bissinger
Sula by Toni Morrison
Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt

Entering Grade 11 (AP English Language and Composition)

Required Books:

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
Additional assignments provided by the instructor.

Entering Grade 12 (Regular)

Required Book:

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

Grade 12 Suggested Books:

The Burning Tigris by Peter Balakian
Coach Wooden's Pyramid of Success by John Wooden and Jay Carty
Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe
Dubliners by James Joyce
A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters by Jane Austen & Ben H. Winters
Siddartha by Herman Hesse
The Stranger by Albert Camus
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson
To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert M. Pirsig
Entering Grade 12 (AP Literature and Composition)

Entering Grade 12 (AP English Literature & Composition)

Required Books: (Complete all assignments provided by the instructor.)

How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad