

KITTATINNY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



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RE: Summer Reading Program

Dear Student and Parent,

Summer vacation is a time for leisure and relaxation. It is, therefore, an excellent opportunity to engage in some leisurely and relaxing reading. Essayist Richard Steele wrote, "*Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.*" With that in mind, the Kittatinny High School English Department has instituted a summer reading program designed to exercise the mind, while also providing enjoyment and relaxation.

All students are asked to read one particular book which is highlighted on the reading list. The book selected becomes a springboard for many class discussions. During the first week of school, students will be tested on the book they read. Students should not complete the book reporting form for this work. If parents have a strong desire to substitute a different novel, that is permissible, however, a call to the school for the request is necessary.

Students are encouraged to read as many books on their list as possible. Each student has the opportunity to earn a *maximum of five (5) percentage points added to his or her First Mark-ing Period Grade by reading five (5) additional books*. Each student will have an opportunity to complete a reporting form for each extra book read and will earn one (1) percentage point for each successful report. If a student reads more than five, that is excellent. However, only five percentage points will be credited to the First Marking Period grade. If a particular text by one author is not available, another text by the same author may be used.

If prior summer reading books have been returned and the student's library account is clear, copies of the required reading books will be loaned to each student prior to the end of the school year and collected at the time of the fall testing. Many of the other books on the lists can be obtained from your local or county library. Additionally, local book stores have been informed of the program and have been urged to have selected copies available for purchase. Parents can greatly assist us in our efforts to improve the education of their children by urging them to read during the summer. By reading and discussing these books with their children, parents can help them truly exercise their minds.

On behalf of the entire faculty, the Kittatinny High School English Department wishes everyone a restful, yet stimulating, summer and sincerely appreciates everyone's support and participation.

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