



**BMC Durfee High School
English Department**

**Summer Reading Selections (Grade 9)
Honors and College Preparatory Classes**

Listed below are classic and contemporary texts for students entering the ninth grade at B.M.C. Durfee High School. It is a standard requirement for each student to have completed the assignment upon entering the ninth grade.

ASSIGNMENT:

- I. Select **one** book from the classic texts list AND **one** book from the contemporary texts list.
- II. Read your selected books. **Please keep a journal of your reading. You will need it to complete an essay assignment the first week of school. (PLEASE SEE BACK FOR JOURNAL GUIDE)**
- III. Have your parent or guardian sign your journal, confirming that it is your work.

Please select and read one book from the following list:

Classic Texts

Jane Eyre
Johnny Tremain
Lord of the Flies
The Sun also Rises
A Separate Peace
To Kill a Mockingbird
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Authors

Charlotte Bronte
Esther Forbes
William Golding
Ernest Hemingway
John Knowles
Harper Lee
Mark Twain

AND

Please select a book written by one of the following authors:

Contemporary Authors

Mitch Albom
Geraldine Brooks
Mary Higgins Clark
Michael Crichton
Malcolm Gladwell
John Grisham
Mark Haddon
Walter Dean Myers
Jodi Picoult
William Sleator
Amy Tan

Sample Titles

The Five People You Meet in Heaven
March
A Cry in the Night
Next
The Tipping Point, Blink, Outliers
The Chamber
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime
Fallen Angels
Nineteen Minutes
Interstellar Pig
The Joy Luck Club

**Summer Reading Selections (Grade 9)
Integrated English I**

ASSIGNMENT:

- I. Select **two** books from the list.
- II. Read your selected books. **Please keep a journal of your reading. You will need it to complete an essay assignment the first week of school. (PLEASE SEE BACK FOR JOURNAL GUIDE)**
- III. Have your parent or guardian sign your journal, confirming that it is your work.


Contemporary Authors

Laurie Halse Anderson
Carl Deuker
Malcolm Gladwell
Daniel Hayes
S.E. Hinton
Felice Holman
Robert Lipsyte
Walter Dean Myers
Joan Lowrey Nixon
Katherine Paterson
Esmerelda Santiago

Sample Titles

Speak
On the Devil's Court
The Tipping Point, Blink, Outliers
The Trouble with Lemons
Rumble Fish
Slake's Limbo
The Contender
Bad Boyz – A Memoir
Caught in the Act
The Great Gilly Hopkins
When I was Puerto Rican

These books are available at your local library, bookstores at a local mall, or on amazon.com or borders.com. If your local library does not have the text(s), the librarian may order it from another library.



Summer Reading Journal Prompts

At the beginning of your journal, record the title of the book you are reading, the author, and the year it was published.

For each entry, note the date and pages read. A comprehensive journal will have entries that address at least ten of the suggested prompts below. You can use all of these, and make up your own, as well.

In September, you will use your journal to write a composition about one of the books you have read this summer.

Suggested prompts

1. Describe the cover art.
2. Describe a character in the story.
3. Make a list of things that are found in the setting.
4. What happens in the story?
5. From whose points of view is the story told?
6. How does the cover art represent what you have read so far?
7. Discuss a conflict that has happened in the story.
8. What examples of figurative language can you find? (similes, metaphors, imagery, personification)
9. How is one of the characters like you?
10. How is one of the characters like someone you know?
11. What questions do you have about today's reading? (words you don't understand, references to things you don't understand)
12. What has surprised you about the story so far?
13. Write a letter to the author or character.
14. Make a list of ways in which a character has changed in the novel.
15. To what kind of reader would you recommend this book?
16. After reading the book, record your thoughts about the theme. (Theme can be defined as the message or moral of a story---the takeaway lesson)