

SUBTLETY AND REALITY! - POETRY AND NONFICTION

- **Elephants on Acid and Other Bizaar** – **Boese:** Describes a variety of bizarre scientific and sociological experiments, including tests on the effects of LSD on an elephant, the validity of scratch-n-sniff paper, memory, sleep learning, and many more.
- **Electric Universe: The Shocking True Story of Electricity** – **Bodanis:** How electricity works and how it affects daily life and examines electricity's theoretical discoveries through the profiles of those such as Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, and Marconi.
- **A Century of Dance** – **Driver:** Traces the history of dance in the twentieth century, profiling the most influential people and trends.
- **Anime Explosion** – **Drazen:** Traces the history of Japanese animation, discussing how it was created, why it has become so popular in recent years, how it reflects modern themes, and other related topics.
- **Alone Across the Arctic: One Woman's Epic Journey by Dog Team** – **Flowers:** Pam Flowers tells the story of how she learned to become a dog musher and eventually became the first female and first American to travel solo across the entire length of the North American Arctic coast by dog team.
- **ESPN: The Uncensored History** – **Freeman:** A reporter for *The New York Times* reveals all the politics and intrigue behind 20 years of ESPN.
- **Steven Spielberg: Interviews** – **Friedman, ed.:** Provides a revealing look at the director's life and changing outlook on filmmaking.
- **Racing: The Ultimate Motorsports Encyclopedia** – **Gifford:** Contains entries that examine various aspects of motor racing, covering

drivers, circuits, cars, different categories of motor sports, pit stop techniques, and many other topics, and includes photographs.

- **Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived** – **Helfer:** Presents the true story of Modoc and Bram Gunterstein, an elephant and boy—born on the same day in 1896—following their adventures from Germany, to India, to the United States, and telling of the extraordinary relationship shared by the man and animal for over seventy years. How much of this amazing story is real, and how much is imagined?
- **Eureka!: Scientific Breakthroughs That Changed the World** – **Horvitz:** Explores the events and thought processes which have led twelve great scientific minds to their profound discoveries and breakthroughs.
- **Heavy Metal Islam: Rock, Resistance and the Struggle for the Soul in Islam** – **Levine:** Discusses the youth culture in the Middle East and Northern Africa, focusing on influences of Western popular music, which includes heavy metal, punk, hip-hop, and reggae; and describes the growing popularity despite government attempts to censor and control.
- **Police Lab: How Forensic Science Tracks Down and Convicts Criminals** – **Owen:** An overview of forensic science for young adult readers that includes case studies of actual crimes.
- **Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil** – **Rodriguez:** A hairdresser details her experiences in post-Taliban Afghanistan, discussing the opening of her beauty school and recalls the personal stories of various women who overcome obstacles to obtain and education in cosmetology.

- **The Ride of a Lifetime: Doing Business the Orange County Chopper Way** – **Teutul:** If you enjoy the show, you will be fascinated by the way the author approaches business!
- **Buying In: The Secret Dialogue Between What We Buy and Who We Are** – **Walker**

*Most annotations are taken from the Summary statements in Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data.

ON THE WEB

<http://lii.org/>

- A reliable subject directory of useful sites reviewed and evaluated by librarians.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksya/bbyahome.cfm>

- Another list! *Best Books for Young Adults* from the Young Adult Library Services Association.

<http://www.alltheweb.com/?cat=news>

- A strong news site, including international events; keep abreast over the summer.



Winchester Thurston School

SUMMER READING Requirements and Recommendations



For students entering
GRADE 11

2009 - 2010

www.winchesterthurston.org

Required Reading for Eleventh Graders

These books must be read before school starts on August 27, 2009:

*If the Social Studies or English class *title* for which you registered does not appear within your grade, please consult the remaining grades.

English (Contemporary World Literature)

Miguel Street – Naipaul

Maus I and II – Spiegelman

AP English (AP Language and Composition)

Maus I and II – Spiegelman

The Norton Reader: An Anthology of Nonfiction, 11th ed. – ISBN: 0393978877 (Read “Personal Report” – Note: This book will be used during the year, as well.)

Social Studies (Democracy and Freedom)

The Devil in the White City – Larson

Social Studies Electives

NO READINGS ARE REQUIRED.

Social Studies (AP U.S. History)

Coming of Age in Mississippi – Moody

Video: *The New World* starring Farrell and Kilcher; directed by Malick

The following will be supplied by The World Languages and Cultures Department before summer break. Books are to be returned in good condition on August 27, 2009, or teachers will charge for unreturned copies.

Spanish Levels 4

La tregua – Benedetti

Ap Spanish (Level 5)

Nada – Laforet

French Level 4

Le Comte de Monte-Cristo par Alexandre Dumas, Tome I, in packet form

Ap French (Level 5)

Students will receive a short-story packet

Ap Latin (Level 5)

The Aeneid (English translation) – Vergil

Statistics

The following is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

The Lady Tasting Tea– Salsburg

Other Suggested Reading for Eleventh Graders

IMAGINATIONS—FICTION

- **Abarat – Barker:** Candy of Chicken-brow, Minnesota, must save Abarat from evil forces. Stunning, colorful drawings permeate this book.
- **Sign of the Qin – Bass:** In long-ago China, Prince Zong, the mortal young Starlord chosen to save humankind from destruction, joins the twin outlaws, White Streak and Black Whirlwind, to fight the Lord of the Dead and his demon hordes.
- **A Great and Terrible Beauty – Bray:** After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England after many years in England, to attend a finishing school, where she becomes aware of her magical powers and the ability to see into the spirit world. Excellent sequels follow!
- **The Upper Class, and Miss Educated: An Upper Class Novel – Brown, Materne, and Says:** Former students at Hotchkiss, the three authors combine experiences, observations, and imagination to create a world both like and unlike their experiences as students at the elite boarding school.
- **Enchantment – Card:** In this retelling of “Beauty and the Beast,” American graduate student Ivan Smetski, haunted by the vision of a sleeping princess he believes he saw as a ten-year-old boy while exploring the Carpathian forest, returns to his native land to investigate and, with one kiss, is drawn into a world that vanished a thousand years earlier.
- **Dreamland – Dessen:** After her older sister runs away, sixteen-year-old Caitlin decides that she needs to make a major change in her own life and begins an abusive relationship with a boy who is mysterious, brilliant, and dangerous.
- **Selected Stories of Philip K. Dick:** A collection of twenty-one short stories by science fiction author Philip Dick, author of “The Minority Report.”
- **The Stolen Child – Donohue:** In this haunting tale, Henry Day, a boy stolen by changelings at the age of seven, and the look-alike hobgoblin sent to replace him, both grow up feeling out of place in their respective worlds—two lonely spirits search for answers about their pasts puts them on a collision course decades later.
- **The Luxe – Godbersen:** Gossip Girl Circa 1899. In 1899 Manhattan, the drowning of beautiful Elizabeth Holland, daughter of New York society's ruling family, brings to the surface the scandalous behavior of several teenagers of varying social class.
- **Paper Towns – Green:** One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin “Q” Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.
- **Search of the Moon King's Daughter: A Novel – Holeman:** In this detailed account of early Victorian England, Emma-line Rote’s mother sells her young son, Tommy, to a master chimney sweep.
- **Epic – Kostick:** On New Earth, a world based on a video role-playing game,

fourteen-year-old Erik persuades his friends to aid him in some unusual gambits in order to save Erik's father from exile and safeguard the futures of each of their families.

- **Keturah and Lord Death – Leavitt:** When Lord Death comes to claim sixteen-year-old Keturah while she is lost in the King's Forest, she charms him with her story and is granted a twenty-four hour reprieve in which to seek her one true love.
- **The White Darkness – McCaughrean:** Taken to Antarctica by the man she thinks of as her uncle for what she believes to be a vacation, Symone--a troubled fourteen year old--discovers that he is dangerously obsessed with seeking Symme's Hole, an opening that supposedly leads into the center of a hollow Earth. Full of survival tension!
- **Sunshine – McKinley:** Sunshine is abducted by a vampire, and as she waits through the night, fearing the worst, she forms an unlikely bond with her captor.
- **Suite Française – Némirovsky:** In 1940, several families and individuals are thrown together as they flee Paris on the eve of the Nazi invasion and struggle to stay alive and grieve for the life they once knew. The author died in a concentration camp before she could write the remaining three parts of this planned five-part novel.
- **Losing is Not an Option – Wallace:** Eleven episodes in the life of a young man, from sneaking into the tenth football game in a row while in sixth grade to running his last race in high school.
- **Zig Zag – Wittlinger:** A high-school junior makes a trip with her aunt and two cousins, discovering places she did not know existed and strengths she did not know she had.