

**POETRY
AND NONFICTION (cont.)**

***The Informant: A True Story* –**

Eichenwald: Chronicles the FBI's attempts to infiltrate one of America's most powerful corporations, using information supplied to them by one of the company's employees.

Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do (and

***What It Says About Us)* – Vanderbilt:** You can't get away from the congestion and rules and intricacies of driving in a mad, mad world. This book, which explores the driver and the real rules of the road, should be required reading for every commuter.

Godel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid

– **Hofstadter:** Discusses the unity among Johann Sebastian Bach's multifaceted compositions, graphic artist M.C. Escher's paradoxical drawings, and the mathematical concepts of Kurt Godel, exploring the Strange Loop phenomenon that occurs in all their work, in which moving upwards or downwards through the levels of a hierarchical system leads right back to the beginning.

***Convergence Culture: Where Old and New Media Collide* –**

Jenkins: Explores the cultural transformations that are taking place in America as old and new media intersect and the interactions between media producers and the consumer become more important in popular culture.

***Thunderstruck* – Larson:** You've read *The Devil in the White City*; now read Larson's next offering about how technological progress link to murder.

1776 – McCullough: Based upon both American and British historical documents, the author presents a comprehensive history of the American Revolution during 1776, George Washington, and those who followed him. Dense and detailed, this book really does

bring one into that time and place.

***Secrets of the Savanna: Twenty-Three Years in the African Wilderness Unraveling the Mysteries of Elephants and People* –**

Owens: Mark Owens chronicles the experiences he and his wife Delia had during the twenty-three years they spent in Africa fighting to save the country's people and wildlife.

***The Slave Ship: A Human History* –**

Rediker: Presents a comprehensive history of the African slave trade and of the suffering and tragedy of millions of Africans who were kidnapped and brought aboard slave ships to be sold in the Americas.

***In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto* –**

Pollan: Challenges current approaches to healthy eating, arguing that the real food consumed by past generations is being replaced with commercialized, scientifically altered foods that offer no health benefits and may cause serious damage, and encourages people to change the way they eat and return to basic nutrition rules.

***The Post American World* – Zakaria:** The author describes a world where the United States will no longer dominate the global economy, maintaining that the economic growth of other nations like China, India, and Russia have challenged America's standing around the world.

Recommended Websites

Ipl2

<http://www.ipl.org/>

A reliable subject directory of useful sites reviewed and evaluated by librarians. Recently became a site combining the Internet Public Library (IPL) and the Librarians' Internet Index (LII)

AlltheWeb from Yahoo

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

A strong news site that includes international events; Keep abreast over the summer.

Teensread

<http://www.teenreads.com/index.asp>

Teenreads.com bring teens info and features about their favorite authors, books, series and characters. It is a part of The Book Report Network, a group of websites founded in 1996 that share thoughtful book reviews, compelling features, in-depth author profiles and interviews, excerpts of new releases, literary games and contests, and more with readers every week.



Winchester Thurston School

**SUMMER READING
Requirements
and
Recommendations**



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2010-2011

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Required Reading for Twelfth-Graders

These books must be read before school starts on August 26, 2010:

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

English 12 (Rhetoric & Composition)

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest – Kesey
Native Son – Wright

AP English (Literature & Composition)

Crossing to Safety – Stegner
Chronicle of a Death Foretold – Marquez
Nine Horses – Collins
Interpreter of Maladies – Lahiri

Social Studies electives

NO READING REQUIRED

In Addition

The Norton Reader: An Anthology of Nonfiction, 11th ed. – Pub: W. W. Norton & Company; ISBN: 0-3939-7887-7

Read all selections of “Personal Report.” (Note: This book will be used for class readings during the school year, as well.)

The following will be supplied by The Modern and Classical Languages Department before summer break. Texts are to be returned in good condition on August 26, 2010, or teachers will charge for unreturned copies.

Spanish Level 4

La Tegua – Benedetti; Pub: Punto de Lectura

AP Spanish (Level 5)

Dos Novelas Cortas – Unamuno

French Level 4

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

AP French (Level 5)

Students will receive a packet that contains selected short stories and the novel *Manon des Sources*

AP Latin

The Aeneid (English translation) – Virgil

Other Suggested Reading for Twelfth-Graders

FICTION

Wintergirls – Anderson: Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder. Once again, Anderson provides an intense and devastating account of real issue.

Going Bovine – Bray: Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen year-old who, after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt Jakob's (a.k.a. mad cow) disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure. A positively disjointed book about a journey whose outcome is unpredictable. Winner of the Michael L. Printz Award for best novel for young adults.

Invasive Procedures – Card: George Galen, a scientist and pioneer in genetic therapy, uses his Healers to cure the disease's that impact the poor by altering their DNA, but his cure comes at a deadly cost, and Frank Hartman is determined to stop Galen's brand of medical healing, even if it means sacrificing himself.

The Queen's Soprano – Carol: Seventeen year-old Angelica Voglia lives in seventeenth-century Rome and has the voice of an angel, but because the pope forbids women to sing in public, she must escape to Queen Christina's palace to become a court singer.

City of Bones – Clare: Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is

drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.

Looking for Alaska – Green: Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

Playing With Matches – Katcher: Desperate to improve his standing with the girls at Zummer High, Leon Sanders--a junior--seems to be making headway with his long-time crush Amy Green, but when he starts to get to know a social pariah named Melody Sanders, Leon begins to see beyond Melody's disfigurement. Not your typical “judge a book by its cover” – unsettling, funny, and honest, with dialogue that is real and a little raw.

The Historian – Kostova: A young woman discovers an ancient book and a cache of old letters in her father's library, and thus begins her adventurous quest for the truth about Vlad the Impaler, a search that will span continents and generations, and a confrontation with the darkest powers of evil.

Beggars in Spain – Kress: Leisha is a beautiful, intelligent genetically modified woman, who is one of the first twenty "Sleepless" on earth that are initially treated as interesting anomalies and, later, as objects of envy and scorn.

Drinking Coffee Elsewhere – Packer: Presents eight short stories revolving around young African-Americans, from little girls in a Brownie troop to a young man who accompanies his father to the Million Man March.

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Wheels for the World: Henry Ford, His Company, and a Century of Progress – Brinkley: In detail, chronicles the history of Ford Motor Company and the life of its founder, Henry Ford, examining the company's impact on industry and the world – and what an impact it was!

The Lost Continent: Travels in Small-town America – Bryson: Bryson, an Iowan transplanted to England, returns to search for the perfect American small town.

Space Race: The Epic Battle Between America and the Soviet Union for Dominion of Space – Cadbury: Traces the development of rockets and spaceflight from German experiments before World War II to the manned moon landings, and provides biographies on two scientists, Wernher von Braun and Sergei Korolev; includes intimate details from behind The Iron Curtain.

Born Digital: Understanding the First Generation of Digital Natives – Palfrey: Examines how economy, culture, and family life may change due to the coming of age of a generation of digital natives--individuals who have been exposed to technology their entire lives; and discusses the challenges they face. A guide for a changing world.

Needles: A Memoir of Growing Up With Diabetes – Dominick: The author discusses how her life changed after she was diagnosed with diabetes.

Just Once: New and Previous Poems – Hazo: Intimate, thought-provoking poetry from a local writer.

The Bad Daughter – Hilden: The author, a recent Harvard graduate, describes her decision to be a “bad daughter” to her alcoholic, mentally ill mother.