

John Dickinson High School  
English Department  
Required Summer Reading for the 2008-2009 School Year

All students attending John Dickinson High School are asked to study during the summer as part of their preparation for the next level English class. Select at least one of the books listed for the course in which you are registered next year and read it carefully. Select one movie, and view it with close attention.

Tests, essays, and/or other evaluations will be completed during the first weeks of school; this work will become your first marking period English grade.

The books are available at local bookstores or libraries; many of the movies are shown on television, but you can also rent a video, buy one, or borrow a copy from a library.

Reading is a vital skill; students who read widely write better, have stronger vocabularies, achieve higher grades in school, and perform better on the SATs. Show your teacher that you are prepared to do well this year.

CLASS	BOOKS	MOVIE
10 General	<u>Go Ask Alice</u> Anonymous <u>Tears of a Tiger</u> Draper <u>Gifted Hands</u> Carson	<u>The Outsiders</u>
10 CP	<u>Farewell to Manzanar</u> J.W. Houston <u>Ordinary People</u> Guest <u>The Learning Tree</u> Parks <u>Summer of My German Soldier</u> Greene	<u>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</u> (Sidney Poitier version)
10 H (read two)	<u>The Hot Zone</u> Richard Preston (required) <u>Chinese Cinderella</u> Mah <u>The Life of Pi</u> Martel <u>Things Fall Apart</u> Achebe	<u>Rear Window</u> or <u>The African Queen</u>