

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 at least 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 part of 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	MOVIES
12 GEN	<u>A Time to Kill</u> Grisham <u>A Lesson Before Dying</u> Gaines	<u>Auntie Mame</u> <u>The Great Debaters</u>
12 CP	<u>Sula</u> Toni Morrison <u>The Color Purple</u> Walker <u>Cold Mountain</u> Frazier	<u>Casablanca</u> <u>The Great Debaters</u>
12 H	Read two of the books below.	Watch two of the movies below.
12 AP	Read three of the books below.	Watch two of the movies below.
	<u>The Kite Runner</u> Hosseini <u>Their Eyes Were Watching God</u> Hurston <u>Frankenstein</u> Shelley <u>All Quiet on the Western Front</u> Remarque <u>Native Son</u> Wright	<u>The Color Purple</u> <u>Beowulf</u> <u>Out of Africa</u>