

GRADE 9 SUMMER READING LIST 2017

Each summer, students at Amesbury High School are expected to participate in the summer reading program by reading a book(s) that will be discussed and assessed in test form in the fall for English classes. We are excited about our program since it offers students many choices and opportunities to read books for interest and pleasure.

College Preparatory (CP) Freshman English [1 book]

Students registered for a **college-preparatory (CP)** English class will be responsible for reading a Faculty Favorites book **only**. This is a departure from previous years when CP students also read *Tuesdays with Morrie*.

1. Faculty Favorite

- The FACULTY FAVORITES list includes a variety of books that staff members have enjoyed reading. **All students entering grades 9-12** will select any **ONE** book from the Faculty Favorites list online to read.
- **All students** will participate in a book discussion group on **Friday, September 8, 2017**, led by the teacher who selected the book. Students will take an assessment at the beginning of the discussion session that will count as a summer reading grade in English class.
- The high school English teachers recommend that all students take notes when reading—the characters, plot, settings, and themes—and review the notes prior to testing.
- Students may purchase books bookstores or online; limited copies are available at the library.
- An annotated copy of the Faculty Favorites list that describes each book is available online at the Amesbury High School website at <http://schools.amesburyma.gov/>.
- Click on **AHS** to find the **summer reading link**.

Honors (H) Freshman English [2 books]

1. Faculty Favorite

Choose **one** faculty favorite from the list and be prepared for a written test and an oral discussion on Friday, September 8th. This will count as a summer reading grade in the student's English class.

2. Choose one of the following memoirs:

- *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai (the original memoir, not the young readers' edition)
 - *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore
 - *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
 - *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah
- Copies will be available for loan at the library, or you can purchase your own copy. Students will be tested on the reading in their honors English class on **Thursday, August 31, 2017**.
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****An important note about Faculty Favorites:**

All students *already* selected their titles before the end of the school year. If you do not remember which book you signed up for, or you wish to change your selection, you must e-mail Mrs. Ricci – riccid@amesburyma.gov.