

**Saint John's High School  
Summer 2010 Reading List**

*The following books are intended for “Summer Required Reading” and will be used in the beginning of the year in the appropriate courses. These books are a part of your curriculum and teachers will assess the summer reading at the beginning of the school year. Each grade level is divided into AP, Honors, Level I and Level II. Base your reading on the course level indicated on your preliminary course schedule; thus, examine your course schedule carefully to determine the appropriate books. Saint John's High School has advised area bookstores of the contents of the summer reading list.*

***Freshmen***

English I: All levels  
World History I: Levels I & II  
World History I: Honors

Jack London – *Call of the Wild*  
Bob Brier - *The Murder of Tutankhamen: A True Story*  
Homer – *The Iliad*  
(Robert Fagles translation recommended)

***Sophomores***

English II: All levels  
World History II: Honors  
World History II: Levels I&II  
AP Modern European History

William Golding – *Lord of the Flies*  
Ernst Junger – *Storm of Steel*  
Jakob Walter – *Diary of a Napoleonic Foot Soldier*  
William Manchester - *A World Lit Only By Fire*

***Juniors***

English III: Honors and Level I  
Religion III: All levels  
US History: Level I and Honors

Ken Kesey - *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*  
Ron Suskind – *A Hope in the Unseen*  
Nathaniel Philbrick – *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*  
Nathaniel Philbrick – *Mayflower*

AP US History

American Government:  
Honors and Level I

Chris Matthews- *Hardball- How Politics is Played by One Who Knows the Game*

AP Language and Composition for Juniors

Ann Patchet – *Truth and Beauty*  
Mark Twain – *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*  
F. Scott Fitzgerald – *The Great Gatsby*  
J.D. Salinger – *The Catcher in the Rye*  
Tony Early – *Jim the Boy*

*Seniors*

English IV: Level I  
English IV: Honors

John Gardner - *Grendel*  
*Beowulf* (in text), John Gardner – *Grendel*

AP English Literature

Sophocles - *Oedipus Rex*,  
*Beowulf*, translated by Seamus Heaney\*

\*The Seamus Heaney translation of *Beowulf* appears in *The Norton Anthology* single volume edition that you will purchase for this year. Please be certain that you purchase this Norton edition, as there are several. We suggest reading *Beowulf* once you have made your book purchase in the Summer.

Niccolo Machiavelli – *The Prince*  
John Milton – *Paradise Lost* (also in *The Norton Anthology*)

AP Language and Composition

**PLEASE NOTE: Read all of the following:**

1. Tony Early – *Jim the Boy*
2. Jamaica Kincaid – *Annie John*
3. Rudolfo Anaya – *Bless Me Ultima*
4. Ann Patchett – *Bel Canto*
5. Donna Tartt – *The Little Friend*

Religion IV: All Courses

Mitch Albom - *Tuesdays with Morrie*

AP American Government

Catherine Drinker Brown – *Miracle at Philadelphia, The Story of the Constitutional Convention, May to September 1787.*

**PLEASE NOTE: Read the following text and write a (4-5) page essay (see Mr. M. Hastings' website for details)**

American Government:  
Honors and Level I

Chris Matthews- *Hardball- How Politics is Played by One Who Knows the Game*

AP Economics

Charles Wheelan – *Naked Economics: Undressing the Dismal Science*

Economics: Honors and Level 1

Michael Lewis – *Moneyball*

AP Art History

Carol Strickland- *The Annotated Mona Lisa, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.*

AP Comparative Government

**PLEASE NOTE: Read one of the following two texts and write a (5-7) page Analytical Essay (see Mr. Wilson's website for details):**

1. Ray Takeyh – *Guardians of the Revolution: Iran in the World in the Age of the Ayatollahs*
2. Lilia Shevtsova – *Russia Lost in Transition: The Yeltsin and Putin Legacies.*

AP World History

**PLEASE NOTE: Read the following text and write a (5-7) page Analytical Essay (see Mr. Wilson's website for details):**

1. John Darwin – *After Tamerlane: The Global History of Empire Since 1405.*