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## YORK COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

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York Country Day School  
Upper School  
Summer Reading

Dear Students,

Our goal for summer reading is to help you develop further as a reader. We believe strongly in reading for pleasure as well as for content. We encourage you to speak with family and friends about books that they have enjoyed reading, stroll around the local bookstore or library, read book reviews on-line. Be inspired and choose books that you will be able to get lost in. We have attached lists of possible free choice books in case you are having trouble choosing a book. Many of you are already avid readers, and the list is a way to give you ideas about titles or authors that may be new to you. The activity of selecting free reading books is a chance for you to find that genre, or style, or particular author that grabs your attention.

Please email your reading choices to your English teacher before you begin reading; this assures that you will not be reading a novel that will be part of the school-year curriculum.

We hope that you will discover books that interest you, challenge you, bring you pleasure, and draw you into the story. This summer, carve out time in each day to devote to reading. Talk to others about books they have enjoyed. Wander around a bookstore and be inspired by displays. Find a quiet place and lose yourself in the stories. We look forward to discussing and writing about these books with you in the fall.

**9th Grade:**

- The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
- Two books of your own choosing

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- Peace Like a River by Leif Enger
- Two books of your own choosing which follow these guidelines: one work of fiction and one work of nonfiction which pertains to American Culture (a list of suggested titles is attached)

## English 11/12

Read at least three books:

- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon
- One free choice book
- One work of children's literature. Read the following Article: [Re-Reading Books From Childhood Through Adult Eyes](#) Assignment expectations [here](#).

## English 11/12 Honors

- One book from either the [Harvard College Admissions Reading List](#) or [Columbia University Core Curriculum reading selections](#)
- One approved book heartily recommended by two individuals whose literary judgment you trust (please send choices to Ms Spangler for final approval)
- One work of children's literature that you will now revisit with more mature eyes. Assignment expectations are attached, but please read this article, as well : [Re-Reading Books From Childhood Through Adult Eyes](#)
- One book of your own choosing

Happy reading!

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