

Summer Reading List
2011-2012
English 1 & 2 and
pre-AP English 1& 2

The Linden High School English department requires students to continue the development of their literacy skills over the summer. The reading list will be tied into the English curriculum once the school year begins. It is crucial students complete the reading and work required.

English 1 (freshman) and English 2 (sophomore) students: Read two (2) books from the list

Pre-AP English 1 and pre-AP 2 students: Read four (4) books total

*pre-AP English 1 you MUST read **Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury** and 3 others from the list.

**pre-AP English 2 you MUST read Player Piano by Kurt Vonnegut and The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to be involved with their student's summer reading. The Linden Unified School Board has approved all titles. However, some may contain issues and themes that should be previewed and approved by parents/guardians. If you feel a title is objectionable, simply have your student select a different title.

Assessments:

Reflective Journal (Test Grade): Choose your novels and keep a reflective journal on each book while you read. Every fifty (50) pages, write a full one-page entry in your journal. (Standard sized paper or 300 words typed.) The journal should NOT be a summary, but a response to the literature. It should include entries about your thoughts and feelings about the book while reading: questions, observations, comments, predictions about character and plot, connections to your life. This may be just one journal for all books, just separate them.

In-class Writing Assessment (Writing Grade): During the first week of school, you will complete an in-class writing assessment on one of the novels you have read.

Book Presentation (Project Grade): You will design and present a short presentation on one of the titles you have read. Information will be provided the first week of school. You do not need to prepare anything for the presentation over the summer.

Finding the Novels:

The Linden library has the summer reading list. They are able to reserve titles for you. Visit the library or reserve books on line at: www.stockton.lib.ca.us/linden

Inexpensive new or used copies may be ordered online at: www.betterworldbooks.com

Barnes and Noble also have a copy of this list.

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1. Nothing But the Truth: Avi (212 pages)
2. That was Then, This is Now: S.E. Hinton (159 pages)
3. Hole in my Life: Jack Gantos (208 pages)
4. That Summer: Sara Dessen (208 pages)
5. Shattering Glass: Gail Giles (224 pages)
6. The First Part Last: Angela Johnson (144 pages)
7. Reaching Out: Francisco Jimenez (208 pages)
8. All Quiet on the Western Front - Erich Maria Remarque (242 pages)
9. Blood and Chocolate - Anne Cutris Klause (288 pages)
10. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde - Robert Louis Stevenson (144 pages)
11. Something Wicked This Way Comes - Ray Bradbury (304 pages)
12. The Hobbit - J.R.R. Tolkien (306 pages)
13. Ivanhoe - Sir Walter Scott
14. Milkweed - Jerry Spinelli (240 pages)
15. Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen (320 pages)
16. A Tale of Two Cities - Charles Dickens (544 pages)
17. Angus, Thongs, and Full Frontal Snogging: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson - Rennison, Louise
18. Count of Monte Cristo, The - Dumas, Alexandre
19. Full Tilt - Shusterman, Neal
20. Thirsty - Anderson, M.T.
21. Island of Dr. Moreau, The - Wells, H. G.
22. Gingerbread - Cohn, Rachel
23. Taking Sides: Gary Soto (135 pages)
24. The Island - Gary Paulsen (208 pages)
25. Uglies - Scott Westerfeld (424 pages)
26. Twisted - Laurie Halse Anderson (256 pages)
27. Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of WWII - Joseph Bruchac (240 pages)
28. Hombre - Elmore Leonard (208 pages)
29. Keeper - Mal Peet (240 pages)
30. Kidnapped - Robert Louis Stevenson (288 pages)