

Summer Reading Selections

English II

A Separate Peace by John Knowles - This is an American classic that describes adolescence during a time when the country was losing its innocence to World War II. It is set in a boys' boarding school in New England, and it explores morality, patriotism, and loss of innocence through the narrator, Gene.

No summer paper work will be due. You must read the novel and take good notes on it. I will want to see your notes when you come back to school. The graded work will be done the first week of school.

English III

The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy - This is a novel set in the fictional town of Casterbridge. It is the story of Michael Henchard, and his life of guilt, revenge, and downfall.

No summer paper work will be due. You must read the novel and take good notes on it. I will want to see your notes when you come back to school. The graded work will be done the first week of school.

Honors English III

You will be required to read two books for the summer. **There will be no paper work for either novel to be done over the summer. You must read both novels carefully and take good notes on each one. I will want to see these notes when you return to school. The graded work will be done the first week of school. Here are your novels:**

1. *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. This is one of the great Sherlock Holmes mysteries. It is set in Devon, England, and it tells the story of an attempted murder inspired by the legend of a fearsome hound of supernatural origin.

2. *Goodbye, Mr. Chips* by James Hilton. This short novel tells the story of a much loved school teacher, Mr. Chipping, and his forty-three year long tenure at Brookfield Grammar School, a British boys' school in Brookfield, England.