

NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL

Summer Reading Program

All students should complete their grade-wide reading assignment, which will be assessed in the indicated class. Students should complete additional readings according to the level of the English class for the next school year. All titles may be obtained in local libraries, bookstores, and online. Students are responsible for getting the proper books.

Grade-wide Reading

The Grade-wide Reading Assignment directions are found on page 2 or on the back of this sheet.

Grade 9 – Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist* (English)

Grade 10 – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *A Study in Scarlet* (Science)

Grade 11 – Blaine Harden, *Escape from Camp 14* (Social Studies)

Grade 12 – Adam Carroll, *The Money Savvy Student* (Math)

Additional Assignments (English)

A test on the following reading assignments will be administered in English class within one week of the start of the new school year.

Grade 9

- Advanced** Edith Hamilton, *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*
One additional title from the list below
- Honors** Two additional titles from the list below
- CCP** One additional title from the list below
Agatha Christie, *Murder on the Orient Express*
James Dashner, *The Maze Runner*
John Green, *An Abundance of Katherines*
Ben Mikaelson, *Touching Spirit Bear*
Adeline Yen Mah, *Chinese Cinderella*
Ransom Riggs, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*
Betty Smith, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Grade 10

- Advanced** Malcolm Gladwell, *Outliers*
Marcus Zusak, *The Book Thief*
- Honors** Two additional titles from the list below
- CCP** One additional title from the list below
Mitch Albom, *Tuesdays with Morrie*
Patrick Jones, *Nailed*
Walter Dean Myers, *Monster*
Garth Stein, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*
Gail Tsukiyama, *The Samurai's Garden*
John Green, *Paper Towns*

Grade 11

- Advanced** F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*
John Steinbeck, *The Grapes of Wrath*
- Honors** Two additional titles from the list below
- CCP** One additional title from the list below
Mark Haddon, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*
Barbara Kingsolver, *The Bean Trees*
Robert B. Parker, *Early Autumn*
Ron Suskind, *A Hope in the Unseen*
John Green, *Turtles All the Way Down*

Grade 12

- Advanced** Khaled Hosseini, *The Kite Runner*
Ayn Rand, *The Fountainhead*
- Honors** Two additional titles from the list below
- CCP** One additional title from the list below
Mitch Albom, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*
John Green, *Looking for Alaska*
Robert Parker, *Mortal Stakes*
Marjane Satrapi, *Persepolis*
Alice Sebold, *The Lovely Bones*
Amy Tan, *The Joy Luck Club*

English Language and Literature 1 or 2

Students should complete the grade-wide title for their grade and choose one additional title from the list for their grade.

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Grade-wide Reading Assignments

In response to reading the assigned literature, students will write a **500** word essay addressing the prompt. This essay is due on **September 13** and must be submitted to TurnItIn.com. Students who do not already have an account must sign up for a student account first and then join the class (see below for Class ID and Passwords—following your prompt). Further information about grading for this assignment will be available on TurnItIn.com, once you have signed up. For a short tutorial about using TurnItIn, students should take time to watch the short video at this link: <https://help.turnitin.com/feedback-studio/turnitin-website/student/quickstart.htm?Highlight=student> In addition, the following link will give a quick overview of what plagiarism is and how to avoid it: <https://www.plagiarism.org/article/what-is-plagiarism>

Grade 9: Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist* (English Dept.)

Where does the path of self-discovery begin?

In the novel, Santiago sets out to learn many things, most importantly about himself. On his journey of self-discovery, there are significant moments and experiences that are important. These moments might include people Santiago meets, moments of doubt or courage, or times he learns something about himself. Citing three or more events from the text, articulate why you think the events are important to Santiago's journey of self-discovery.

Class ID: **21415072** and Password: **GRADEWIDE9**

Grade 10: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *A Study in Scarlet* (Science Dept.)

What is the Scientific Method?

Utilized in many facets of life, the Scientific Method is also an important part of the Sherlock Holmes mystery, *A Study in Scarlet*. Within the novel, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson follow all eight steps of the Scientific Method: problem, procedure, materials, raw data, calculations, questions, observations, and conclusions. Using evidence from the novel, show how Holmes and Watson used each step of the method as they worked to solve the mystery. As part of your conclusion, explain where and when Holmes obtained the information he needed to solve the case.

Class ID: **21415549** and Password: **GRADEWIDE10**

Grade 11: Blaine Harden, *Escape from Camp 14* (Social Studies Dept.)

What is sovereignty?

To what extent is the sovereignty of foreign nations more important than American values? As the world's only remaining superpower, can—and should—the United States be ready and willing to use military force around the world to defend democracy and human rights? What role do individuals play in defending the rights of the oppressed worldwide?

Class ID: **21415574** and Password: **GRADEWIDE11**

Grade 12: Adam Carroll, *The Money Savvy Student* (Mathematics Dept.)

How does one plan for a financial life?

In this book, the author presents advice and practical strategies for how young people can start building a financial life for themselves. From the many examples of "money savvy" students introduced in the book, choose several and then examine the reasons why they deserve that title. Finally, discuss how you can become a "money savvy student" in your own life as you enter your senior year in high school and plan ahead for a financial life after graduation.

Class ID: **21415599** and Password: **GRADEWIDE12**