

## Finding Your Book!

A limited number of each of the summer books is available for free at the high school.

The books on the reading list can also be found at the public library and purchased through the following websites:

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

[www.half.com](http://www.half.com)

[www.overstock.com](http://www.overstock.com)

[www.cheapestbookprice.com](http://www.cheapestbookprice.com)



Read and Enjoy

## Reflection Journal

Complete all of the statements/questions.

1. Write down your thoughts – after reading the opening chapter(s) of the book. How do your impressions change (or do they) after reading half the book? Do you feel differently after finishing the book? Would you read the book again?
2. Are there connections between the book and your own life? Or does the book remind you of an event/events that happened to someone you know? Does the book remind you of what happened in another book you've read?
3. What (quotes/scenes/thoughts) made the most impact upon you and why?
4. Is there an idea in the book that makes you stop and think, or prompts questions? Identify the idea and explain your responses.
5. Who else should read this book? Should anyone not be encouraged to read this book? Why? Would you recommend the book to a friend or classmate?
6. Write about the characters. Which one is your favorite? Is there a character you hate/detest/despise? Why? What traits could you change about the characters that would change how you think about them? Do you think that any of the characters represent real people? Does anything about a particular character seem to be related to the author's true personality (who the writer is)?
7. Did the main character meet his/her goals? Did you find the ending satisfying? Why or why not?

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2012 Summer Reading List



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List  
Grades:  
9-12**

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# ▶ Summer Reading List by Grade

## For students entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:

### General:

My Darling, My Hamburger by Paul Zindel

### Honors:

My Darling, My Hamburger by Paul Zindel

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

## For students entering 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

### General:

The Battle of Jericho by Sharon Draper

### Honors:

The Battle of Jericho by Sharon Draper

November Blues by Sharon Draper

## For students entering 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:

### General:

A Child Called It by David Pelzer

### Honors:

A Child Called It by David Pelzer

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult



## For students entering 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

### General:

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

### Honors:

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

### AP:

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

V for Vendetta by Alan Moore

## Required Reading

All students at Pleasantville High School are required to read a book during the summer.

If you are in a general English class, you are to read the book assigned for your grade.

If you are an Honors student, you are required to read the two (2) books assigned to your grade during the summer.

Students in AP English are required to read three (3) books during the summer, and will receive a packet from their teacher to complete by September.

All other students will be required to submit a Reflection Journal for **each** book read by Friday, September 21st. This assessment will count as 5% of your grade for the first marking period.



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