

Heritage High School English I Summer Reading Assignment

All Heritage High School students are required to complete a summer reading assignment; the English I assignment is designed to help maintain skills and prepare students for High School English. **Please read the directions below and complete the attached assignment. Your work will be collected in the first quarter and used as a basis for class discussions and assessments.** Most books are available at Wake County Public Libraries, but they may also be purchased electronically, used, or new. Texts may touch on controversial issues or contain mature language or violence, so please consult your parents/guardians before making choices. In addition, we encourage you to read more than just the required books this summer.

English I: Read ONE of the following texts and complete the summer assignment.

English I-Honors: Read TWO of the following texts and complete the summer assignment for ONE of the two books you selected; you will be quizzed on the second text.

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Maybe it was a grandparent, or a teacher. Someone older who understood you when you were young and searching, who helped you see the world as a more profound place, and gave you advice to help you make your way through it. For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago... Knowing he was dying, Morrie visited with Mitch in his study every Tuesday...-Publisher

Animal Farm by George Orwell

George Orwell's classic satire of the Russian Revolution is an intimate part of our contemporary culture. It is the account of the bold struggle, initiated by the animals, that transforms Mr. Jones's Manor Farm into Animal Farm--a wholly democratic society built on the credo that All Animals Are Created Equal.- Publisher

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

When Bruno returns home from school one day, he discovers that his belongings are being packed in crates. His father has received a promotion and the family must move from their home to a new house far far away, where there is no one to play with and nothing to do. A tall fence running alongside stretches as far as the eye can see and cuts him off from the strange people he can see in the distance.-Publisher

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Whisked away from his comfortable, unambitious life in his hobbit-hole by Gandalf the wizard and a company of dwarves, Bilbo Baggins finds himself caught up in a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon.-Publisher

Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Pattillo Beales

In 1957, Melba Pattillo turned sixteen. That was also the year she became a warrior on the front lines of a civil rights firestorm. Following the landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling, *Brown v. Board of Education*, Melba was one of nine teenagers chosen to integrate Little Rock's Central High School. - Publisher

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating ... novels in recent years. -Publisher.