2019-2020

**English 9**

**Summer Assignment**

Each 9th grade student must read three books this summer. The first two books are **required** reading for all 9th graders; the third is a choice from the reading list for 9th grade.

1) *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (required)

2) *Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger. (required)

**The students will be tested on these two books during the first week of school.**

3) The third book will be the student’s choice from the [9th Grade Book List](http://www.highlandhall.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=212565&type=d&pREC_ID=472314" \t "_blank) below.

* *A Separate Peace* - John Knowles
* *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* - Betty Smith
* *Black Like Me* - John Howard Griffin
* *The Education of Little Tree*- Asa Carter
* *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*- Stephen Chbosky

This book will require a written report in the following format:

**Writing Assignment for Book 3**

Draft and type three paragraphs. The students should remember that a paragraph has a topic sentence, five to seven supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence:

1. What part of the book made you think? Describe that section, why it caught your attention, and what it made you think.

2. What characteristic or quality of the protagonist (hero/main character) do you most admire and why?

3. Describe a challenge that the protagonist faced and how he or she changed as a result.

**Design a dust jacket for Book 3**

1. Draw a picture that reflects a major plot element of the book, as if you were designing the dust jacket of a hardcover book;

2. Devise your own title, followed by a colon, then “a review of name of the book being reviewed by student’s name”; For example: *The Young Abolitionist: A review of Huckleberry Finn by Christine Meyer*.

3. The drawing should be in color.

4. The title and lettering must be done by hand.

*\*Both the dust jacket drawing and the three paragraphs will be due the first day of class.*

*\*\*The students will be tested on the two required books during the first week of class.*