

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade English! I am excited to be teaching you in the upcoming school year.

Before we come back in August, you will need to complete a summer reading assignment. All students will be required to choose a book from the list below. When you read your novel, do so very carefully. You should take notes in your book, underlining key lines or writing notes in the margin that help you to process the work. Looking for patterns (repeated words, images, references) may be helpful, and you should be sure to mark them. Also, highlighting events important to the plot will enable you to recall the details of each story when you begin English class. Be prepared to show me your book and to use highlights and notes to study for the quiz on your novel(s) in the first few days of class.

**You will show me your highlights and notes IN YOUR BOOK for a grade (notes taken in a notebook will not be accepted; if you read your book on a Kindle, you may show me notes you took electronically). Your grade for the summer reading will be based on the thoroughness of your reading/understanding of the book as shown in an essay test, your marking up of the novel, and your proficiency in writing.**

Your reading selections include (choose one of the following, and, optionally, a second for extra credit\*):

*Before We Were Free* – Julia Alvarez  
*Murder on the Orient Express* – Agatha Christie  
*The Hiding Place* – Corrie ten Boom  
*The Good Earth* – Pearl Buck  
*The Book Thief* – Markus Zusak  
*Hidden Figures* – Margot Lee Shetterly  
*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* – William Kamkwamba

\* *Extra credit will be given for any student who reads an extra novel and marks it up.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [vdavis@scs.edu.do](mailto:vdavis@scs.edu.do).

See you in the fall!  
Valerie Davis

