

## English and Social Studies Department

All students are to read over the summer in preparation for the start of the new school year. Teachers selected these books to interest students and to enrich their literary background. Belmont Public Library and area bookstores will receive copies of this list. If at all possible, students should purchase copies of their summer reading books so that they can mark them up and use them at the start of school. **See the back of this sheet for information on readings for Social Studies Department.**

### *Entering Freshmen*

Entering freshmen taking college preparatory English (English 110) should read *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding.

Entering freshmen taking honors English (English 112) should read *Kindred* by Octavia Butler and *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding.

Each freshman will need a copy of the assigned text(s) for the first several weeks of school. Each student should consider purchasing his or her own copy of these texts.

### *Entering Sophomores*

Entering sophomores taking English 120 (College Prep) should read *Early Autumn*, a novel by Robert Parker. Students taking English 122 (Honors) will be given a school copy of Fitzgerald's translation of the Oedipus cycle, and should read the first play, *Oedipus Rex*.

### *Entering Juniors*

All entering juniors should read *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven* by Sherman Alexie.

### *Entering Seniors*

**As part of an activity in junior English classes, all entering seniors selected at least one book to read over the summer as preparation for the senior English thesis.** Each senior also identified a back-up book to read if the first book proves uninteresting. A record of these titles is on file with the English Department. Entering seniors should read at least one book for their senior thesis by the start of school in the fall; many graduates have suggested that entering seniors read as many thesis books as possible over the summer before the start of senior year. In addition to at least one thesis book, seniors should read the following assigned book(s) based on the English class for which they are enrolled next year.

#### *English 12 (140)*

All students enrolled in this course should read The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien. Students in this course should also read **at least one book related to their senior thesis.**

#### *English 12 Honors (144)*

All students enrolled in this course should read The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien. Students in this course should also read **at least two books related to their senior thesis.**

#### *AP English Honors (148)*

All students enrolled in this course must read The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien. Students in this course should also read **at least two books related to their senior thesis.**

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Social Studies summer reading assignments are available at:

<http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bhs/summer/>

<b><i>Entering Sophomores</i></b>		
American Studies (CP and Honors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Packet containing selected primary and secondary source documents</li> </ul>	Summer work will be assessed in the form of a test.
AP US History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Packet containing opening chapter from the APUS textbook <u>Liberty, Equality, Power</u> by Murrin et al</li> <li>▪ <u>Founding Brothers</u> by Joe Ellis</li> </ul>	Summer work will be assessed in the form of a test.
<b><i>Entering Juniors</i></b>		
AP European History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Packet containing The Renaissance chapter from <u>The Western Heritage</u> by Donald Kagan and selected primary sources</li> <li>•Recommended: Purchase review book for use throughout the year: AP Achiever (Advanced Placement Exam Preparation Guide) for European History (College Test Prep) by <a href="#">Chris Freiler</a> Publisher: McGraw-Hill</li> </ul>	Sumer work will be assessed in the form of a multiple choice test and an in-class essay
<b>Electives</b>		
AP Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Packet containing opening chapter of AP Econ textbook <u>Principles of Economics</u> by Mankiw &amp; excerpt from <u>Predictably Irrational</u> by Dan Ariely</li> <li>▪ <u>Freakonomics</u> by Levitt and Dubner</li> <li>▪ Recommended: Purchase a review book for use throughout the year. Ex. <u>Barron's How to Prep for the AP Micro/Macro Exam</u></li> </ul>	Summer work will be assessed when students hand in the written assignment in the summer packet as well as a graded discussion.
AP Psychology	<u>Phantoms in the Brain: Probing the Mysteries of the Human Mind</u> by V.S. Ramachandran	Summer reading will be assessed in the form of a test and a graded discussion.