

**OUTSIDE READING LIST: ENGLISH 9/ENGLISH 9 HONORS 2009-2010**

**English 9: William Golding, The Lord of the Flies**

**Plus one additional book from either list below (you may choose from fiction or non-fiction)**

**English 9 Honors: Ernest Hemingway, A Farewell to Arms**

**Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird**

**William Golding, The Lord of the Flies**

*Be prepared for tests or projects on these books for the first week of school.*

*Please save this list! You will be required to read one additional book from this list each quarter of the school year.*

**Semester One Choices (nonfiction): In quarters one and two, titles must be chosen from this list.**

- Armstrong, Lance It's Not About the Bike *Covers Armstrong's early life, his rise in biking, his fight against cancer and his triumphant return to cycling*
- Baker, Russell Growing Up *Russell Baker's autobiography about surviving the depression and coping with his family.*
- Beals, Melba Warriors Don't Cry (unabridged version) *Melba Beals' autobiography about being one of the Little Rock Nine, who integrated Central High School.*
- Conroy, Pat My Losing Season *Conroy's memoir about his college basketball team at The Citadel.*
- Greal, Lucy Autobiography of a Face *Memoir of a girl who grew up with a face disfigured by cancer.*
- Hickam, Homer The Coalwood Way *The follow-up to Hickam's best-selling autobiography Rocket Boys. Sixteen-year-old Homer and his pals are high school seniors, still building homemade rockets and hoping that science will provide them with a ticket to success into the wider world.*
- Hillenbrand, Laura Seabiscuit: An American Legend *An exciting book about the real life horse, Seabiscuit, and the people connected to him - his owner, trainer and jockey.*
- McBride, James The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother. *In this memoir, McBride writes about growing up with eleven siblings and being the son of a black minister and a white woman. He shows how his mother's courage helped the children to succeed.*
- Philbrick, Nathaniel In the Heart of the Sea *True story of the whaling ship, Essex, a 19<sup>th</sup> century whaling ship rammed by a whale, and what its crew did to survive. This story was the inspiration for Moby Dick.*
- Pipher, Mary Reviving Ophelia *A nonfiction book about the changes adolescent girls face and how hard it is for them to keep their "voices" in our society.*
- Wiesel, Elie Night *Wiesel as a 15-year-old tries to survive the concentration camps during the Holocaust.*

Wiseman, Rosalind Queen Bees and Wannabees

*An exploration of the secret world of girl's friendships and social structure.*

**Semester Two Choices (fiction): In quarters three and four, titles must be chosen from this list.**

Burns, Ann Olive Cold Sassy Tree

*Set around the turn of the century, Will Tweedy tells the story of his family after his grandfather marries a younger woman just two weeks after his wife's death.*

Card, Orson Scott Ender's Game

*After aliens attack Earth, the world government starts breeding military geniuses and trains them in the arts of war. Ender Wiggin is a genius among geniuses. . . .*

Carter, Forrest The Education of Little Tree *A 5-year-old boy, orphaned, is taken in by his Cherokee grandparents and raised during the Great Depression*

Chbosky, Stephen The Perks of Being a Wallflower

*This story takes place by a series of letters to a friend, written by the narrator, a teenager named Charlie. The story explores topics such as introversion, teenage sexuality, abuse, and the awkward times of adolescence.*

Christie, Agatha Death on the Nile

*A classic Agatha Christie mystery that takes place aboard a ship.*

Coben, Harlan Tell No One

*David Beck receives a message on his computer that only he and his dead wife know. He searches for answers.*

Du Maurier, Daphne Rebecca

*The new Mrs. DeWinter must deal with the mysterious legend of her husband's first wife, Rebecca.*

Flinn, Alex Breathing Underwater

*A teenager shares excerpts of the journal he must keep in his anger management class which he is required to take after his girlfriend accuses him of hitting her.*

Gibbons, Kaye Ellen Foster

*After her mother's death, Ellen moves from foster home to foster home, searching for the right place for her.*

Golding, William The Inheritors

*Looking for a challenge? try The Inheritors, by William Golding, also author of Lord of the Flies. The Inheritors is a startling recreation of the lost world of the Neanderthals, and a frightening vision of the beginnings of a new age.*

Hillerman, Tony A Thief of Time

*Navajo Tribal Policemen Lt. Joe Leaphorn and Officer Jim Chee search for a murderer.*

Kidd, Sue Monk The Secret Life of Bees

*14-year-old Lily, raised by a neglectful father in the 1960s south, takes off on a journey that teaches her about her long-dead mother and the realities of race in America and the true nature of love and faith.*

Knowles, John A Separate Peace

McCammon, Robert <u>Boy's Life</u>	<i>Eleven-year-old Cory Mackenson struggles to understand the forces of good and evil at work in his Alabama hometown, from snake conjurers, moonshiners, monsters, and murder.</i>
Myers, Walter Dean <u>Fallen Angels</u>	<i>A young man shares his experiences in the Vietnam War.</i>
Picoult, Jodi <u>My Sister's Keeper</u>	<i>Explores the effects on a family when a child is conceived to be a donor for an older sibling with Leukemia; told from multiple perspectives.</i>
Potok, Chaim <u>The Chosen</u>	<i>Danny and Ryeven become friends even though they belong to different sects of Judaism.</i>
Shaara, Michael <u>The Killer Angels</u>	<i>Shaara captures a battle from the Civil War from different points of view.</i>
Smith, Betty <u>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</u>	<i>Francie struggles to overcome poverty and get an education in the early 1900's.</i>
Smith, Dodie <u>I Capture the Castle</u>	<i>The story of 17-year-old Cassandra and her family, who live poverty in an English castle.</i>
Uris, Leon <u>Exodus</u>	<i>Following the Holocaust, an American nurse and an Israeli freedom fighter get caught up in trials of establishing the nation of Israel.</i>
Wittlinger, Ellen <u>Hard Love</u>	<i>Through the process of creating his own magazine, a young man learns about writing... and relationships.</i>

*It is standard practice that if parents/guardians have a question or concern about a book they are encouraged to talk with the teacher. The parent and teacher should try to find mutually agreeable solutions if concerns still exist. If the classroom teacher is unknown, parents are welcome to contact Mrs. Danica White ([whited@wyoingcityschools.org](mailto:whited@wyoingcityschools.org)), English teacher, with any questions. Books are available through local bookstores such as: Joseph-Beth, Borders, Barnes and Noble; online sources such as: Amazon.com: <http://www.amazon.com>, Powell's Books: <http://www.powells.com>, Joseph-Beth: <http://www.josephbeth.com>; or through the Cincinnati Public Library and Branch libraries. The Public Library restricts access to some books for readers under 18. Parents can check out these books on their adult card or they can fill out a Parental Authorization Card that permits their under-18-year-old children to check out books on their own cards.*