

## SUMMER READING 2010

*“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them.”* Mark Twain

The faculty of Crossroads College Prep and, in particular, the members of the English Department subscribe to Mark Twain’s declaration. Reading should be a daily part of our educated lives: the habit will inform us, deepen us, and expand us. Without books, we are limited to the universe of our own experience; with books, the world is our oyster.

Throughout the school year, we choose the books we feel will enrich you, and we even require some over the summer! However, one of the joys of summer is the freedom to read books of your own choosing. We strongly advocate finding books that interest you and reading as much as you can every summer. Reading for pleasure builds skills that apply directly in English classes but have application in all aspects of your academic success. There is no substitute for being an avid reader. Read a new book every week.

All students have reading assignments given by their English teachers. Please see the Crossroads College Prep website Summer Reading link and download your teacher’s assignment. **This written work is due on the first day of school in August.** For your convenience, we are listing the books for the reading assignments by grade level below. Please direct inquiries to Anne Nightingale, English Department Chair [anne@crossroadscollegeprep.org](mailto:anne@crossroadscollegeprep.org).

### **Entering 7th Grade: (3 books)**

- 1) One book of your choice
- 2) One of the following: *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*, *Hope Was Here*, *Tangerine*, *Witness*, *Flush*, *White Lilacs*, *Touching Spirit Bear*, or *Esperanza Rising*
- 3) *The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place* by E.L.Konigsburg.

There is a list of recommended works posted on the website if you are looking for suggestions.

### **Entering 8th Grade: (3 books)**

- 1) One book of your choice
- 2) *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines
- 3) *Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas

There is a list of recommended works posted on the website if you are looking for suggestions.

### **Entering 9th Grade: (3 books)**

- 1) One book of your choice
- 2) Please choose one of the following:  
*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie  
*The Secret Life of Bees* by Susan Monk Kidd  
*The Once and Future King* by T.H. White
- 3) *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

**Entering 10th Grade: (3 books)**

- 1) Choose **one** of *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, *Player Piano* by Kurt Vonnegut or *Watchmen* by Alan Moore
- 2) *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- 3) *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

**Entering 11th Grade: (3 books)**

- 1) *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
- 2) *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
- 3) One book about American history (selection must be approved by Brittyne)

**Language and Literature: (3 books)**

- 1) *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- 2) *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi
- 3) *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen

**Advanced Placement Literature and Composition: (3 books)**

- 1) *The Stranger* by Albert Camus
- 2) *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton
- 3) *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky