

Watkins Mill High School
Summer Reading Assignments
2008

Reading is essential to success in school and students are encouraged to read both in school and during the summer break. Research strongly suggests that reading, like most skills, improves with practice and deteriorates when we don't engage in it even for a short period of time. Literacy will be the focus of the Watkins Mill Cluster for the upcoming year and the activities linked to the summer reading assignments will support literacy objectives in the fall. Therefore, consistent with our desire to encourage student success, we continue to expect students to read during the summer and continue to prepare for the rigorous and challenging opportunities in the new school year.

Requirements for summer reading:

- Students entering both on-level and honors English classes in the fall will read one the selection indicated below during the summer. The selections for each grade level are listed on the back. The reading assignments for IB and AP level courses have been issued separately to those students.
- Each student will complete specific assignments for his/her summer reading text. These assignments will be reviewed in the fall and will enable the student to successfully complete activities at the beginning of the school year.
- Each grade level's assignments will have specific instructions.

Copies of the reading assignment will be available on the Watkins Mill webpage, at local public libraries, local bookstores, and in the main office and counseling office of Watkins Mill High School. Questions regarding summer reading should be directed to:

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