

Lowell English Department

Summer Reading • 2009

Lowell's English faculty has selected the following titles as required summer reading in 2008. Please make certain that you read the books assigned to the grade you'll be entering in the fall. Teachers in the department are aware that some of these works have been adapted as films. Viewing a film cannot serve as a substitute for reading the book itself. This is a required assignment that will affect the grade you earn in your English class. Early in the semester your English teacher will expect you to demonstrate your ability to identify and understand various literary elements of your assigned works.

Ninth Grade

Rushdie, Salman	<i>Haroun and the Sea of Stories</i>
Otsuka, Julie	<i>When the Emperor was Divine</i>

Tenth Grade

Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>Bean Trees</i>
McBride, James	<i>The Color of Water</i>

Tenth Grade Honors

Dickens, Charles	<i>Great Expectations</i>
Kesey, Ken	<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>

Expository Writing

Ehrenreich, Barbara	<i>Nickled and Dimed</i>
Obama, Barack	<i>Dreams from My Father</i>

Eleventh/Twelfth Grade Electives

Dorst, Doug	<i>Alive in Necropolis</i>
Salinger, J. D.	<i>Franny and Zooey</i>

AP 74: The Knight in Not-So-Shining Armor

Anonymous	<i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i> (Brian Stone, trans.)
McCarthy, Cormac	<i>The Road</i>

AP 75: Twentieth Century American Writers

Diaz, Junot	<i>The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao</i>
Lee, Chang-Rae	<i>Native Speaker</i>

AP 80: Heroes Tragic and Comic

Irving, John	<i>A Prayer for Owen Meany</i>
Sophocles	<i>Oedipus Rex (Oedipus the King)</i>

AP 83: Man in His Universe

James, Henry	<i>The Portrait of a Lady</i>
Roth, Philip	<i>American Pastoral</i>

AP Language and Composition

Dorst, Doug	<i>Alive in Necropolis</i>
Obama, Barack	<i>Dreams from My Father</i>