Dear Parent or Guardian of Incoming Twelfth Graders:

The English Department of Neshaminy High School is pleased to announce the continuation of our summer reading program, with a new emphasis on student interest and self-selection. Studies have shown that students who continue to read during the summer are more perceptive readers, more expressive writers and more thoughtful speakers. Reading during the summer increases an awareness of the connection between reading for pleasure and reading for knowledge. Summer reading can help students become independent life-long learners.

Students enrolled in 12th grade English classes in the fall are asked to either self-select or read one of the suggested titles listed below during their summer vacation. Students may select any literary title, 100 pages or longer, of interest that is not a required reading from another course. During first marking period, students will earn a grade for a thematically based in–class writing assignment based on their self-selected text.  
  
Students enrolled in English 12th Advanced Placement should see Mr. August room G223 or Mrs. Marozsan room G225 before the conclusion of the school year. Information for summer reading can be found on Neshaminy High School’s homepage.

Thank you for supporting the summer reading program. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about what he/she is choosing to read. Choice is essential in fostering the love of literature. The books may be borrowed from our school library electronically (Over Drive), local libraries, or purchased at local bookstores.

Sincerely,

The Neshaminy High School English Department

Suggested summer reading options – choose one of the recommended titles OR self-select a literary title/genre based on interest that is not listed below:

***Like Water for Chocolate*** by Laura Esquirel  
***Murder on the Orient Express****by*Agatha Christie  
***The Alchemist*** by Paulo Coelho  
***Brave New World****by*Aldous Huxley  
***Maus by***Art Spiegelman  
***Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy***by Douglas Adams  
***Things Fall Apart*** by Chinua Achebe  
***Siddhartha*** by Hermann Hesse  
***A Thousand Splendid Suns*** by Khaled Hosseini  
***Watchmen***by Allan Moore David Gibbons  
***The Zookeeper's Wife***—Diane Ackerman  
***Moonlight on the Avenue of Faith***—Gina B. Nahai  
***The Hobbit***—J.R.R. Tolkien  
***Nectar in a Sieve***by Kamala Markandaya  
***The Girl on the Train***by Paula Hawkins  
***Split****by*Swati Avasthi