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Dear Parent or Guardian of Incoming Eleventh 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 11th 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 11 Advanced Placement** should email Ms. Henry (ahenry@neshaminy.org) before the conclusion of the school year.

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, 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:

The Color of Water by James McBride (biography)
In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez (historical fiction)
Something Wicked this Way Comes by Ray Bradbury (fantasy)
Three Little Words by Ashley Rhodes Couter (biography)
Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) getting by in America by Barbara Ehrenreich (memoir)
Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman (fantasy)
A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League--Ron Suskind (fantasy)
Deadline by Chris Crutcher ((realistic)
Nil by Lynne Matson (dystopian)
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi (biography)
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai (biography)
War Brothers: The Graphic Novel by Sharon M. McKay (graphic)
Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper (fantasy)
The Great Trouble by Deborah Hopkinson (mystery)
Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson (fantasy)

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