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Neshaminy School District

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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 email Mr. August (daugust@neshaminy.org) or Mrs. Marozsan (smarozsan@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:

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 by Diane Ackerman
Moonlight on the Avenue of Faith by Gina B. Nahai
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
Nectar in a Sieve by Kamala Markandaya
Split by Swati Avasthi

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