

**SOMERS HIGH SCHOOL  
SUMMER READING LIST - 2008**

Required selection(s) for students entering grade:

9        **R** - Students **must read** *Downriver* (Hobbs) **AND ALSO read ONE** of the following: *Captain's Courageous* (Kipling), *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (Twain), *Mutiny on the Bounty* (Nordhoff), *Kidnapped* (Stevenson), *Make Lemonade* (Wolff) **or** *Shabanu* (Staples)

**H** - *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* (Smith) **and** *Fahrenheit 451* (Bradbury)

10       **R** - Students **must read TWO** of the following: *Feed* (M. T. Anderson), *The Sledding Hill* (Crutcher), *The Giver* (Lowry), **and** *Fahrenheit 451* (Bradbury)

**H** - Students **MUST READ** *Jane Eyre* (Bronte) **AND ALSO read ONE of the following:** *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (Angelou), *In Cold Blood* (Capote), *The Count of Monte Cristo* (Dumas) **OR** *White Oleander* (Fitch)

11       **R** - **Students MUST READ ANY TWO of the following books:** *Black Like Me* (Griffin), *The Water is Wide* (Conroy), *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (Doyle), *Monster* (Myers), **OR** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (Haddon)

**H** - *Wuthering Heights* (Bronte) **and** *A Lesson Before Dying* (Gaines)

**AP**-*Pudd'nhead Wilson* (Twain) **and** *Freakonomics* (Levitt and Dubner) **and choose one of the following:** *The Education of Henry Adams* (Adams), *A Rumor of War* (Caputo), *Out of Africa* (Dineson), *All the Strange Hours* (Eisely), *Goodbye to all That* (Graves), *When Heaven and Earth Change Places* (Hayslip), *Dust Tracks on a Road* (Hurstson), *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* (Jacobs), *Autobiography* (Jefferson), *Woman Warrior* (Kingston), *If I Die in a Combat Zone* (O'Brien), *An Only Child* (O'connor), *Down and Out in Paris and London* (Orwell), *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* (Persig), *Hunger for Memory: The Education of Richard Rodriguez* (Rodriguez), *Up from Slavery* (Washington), *The Double Helix* (Watson), *One Writer's Beginnings* (Weltly), *In Pharaoh's Army*, **or** *This Boy's Life* (Wolff)

12       **Search for Self (12R)**- Choose **two** of the following: *What is the What* (Eggers), *I am the Messenger* (Zusak), *19 Minutes* (Picoult), *Thirteen Reasons Why* (Asher), *The Things They Carried* (O'Brien)

**Twentieth Century Literature as Philosophy (12H)**- *The Life of Pi* (Martel) **and** *Demian* (Hesse)

**AP** - *The Grapes of Wrath* (Steinbeck) **and** *A Prayer for Owen Meany* (Irving) **and** *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (Hurstson)

**Alternative High School -**

          Choose **ONE** book from the selections listed above for your grade level.

Summaries of all books can be found on the district web site.