

**Vestavia Hills High School**  
**Summer AP/Honors Required Reading 2009**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors English**

The Five People You Meet In Heaven *by Mitch Albom*

Hiroshima *by John Hersey*

My Antonia *by Willa Cather*

Silas Marner *by George Eliot*

Martian Chronicles *by Ray Bradbury*

The Good Earth *by Pearl S. Buck*

*\*You will need copies of these books the first day of school*

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade AP World History**

Guns, Germs, and Steel *by Jared Diamond*

Salt; A World History *by Mark Kurlansky*

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors World History**

*Choose a minimum of two books:*

The Constant Princess *by Phillipa Gregory*

Longitude *by Dava Sobel*

To the Edge of the World Volume I *by Harry Thompson*

The Good Earth *by Pearl S. Buck*

The Hiding Place *by Corrie Ten Boon*

The Good Fight: How the World War II Was Won *by Stephen Ambrose*

First They Killed My Father *by Luong Ung*

We Wish To Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families *by Philip Courevitch*

My Forbidden Face *by Latifa*

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors English**

The Chosen *by Chaim Potok*

The Hunchback of Notre Dame *by Victor Hugo*

*Students must read ONE of the following Shakespeare plays:*

Othello, the Moor of Venice

Much Ado about Nothing

The Taming of the Shrew

*No outside resources permitted. Students are allowed to read a modern-language version of the Shakespeare plays alongside the original. (I suggest Barron's Shakespeare Made Easy)*

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors History- VHS**

Killer Angels *by Michael Shaara*

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors U.S. History

An Hour Before Daylight by *Carter, Jimmy*.

America's Longest War Herring by *George C Herring*

(Any edition is acceptable. Check Amazon for best prices.)

*Extra Credit/Summer Flex Points:* Chosen books must be non-fiction historically significant works. Biographies of critical figures in US history are acceptable. Historical romances are not!

## We The People Summer Assignments

***America's Constitution: A Biography*** by *Akhil Reed Amar*

### Case Law Studies

Marbury v Madison, 1803

McCulloch v. Maryland, 1819

Gibbons v. Ogden, 1824

United States v. Nixon, 1974

Barron v. Baltimore, 1833

Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 1819

Griswold v. Connecticut, 1965

Roe v. Wade, 1973

Korematsu v. United States, 1944

Plessy v. Ferguson, 1896

Brown v. Board of Education, 1954

Dred Scott v. Sandford, 1857

Gitlow v. New York, 1925

Powell v. Alabama, 1932

Gideon v. Wainwright, 1963

Regents of the University of California v.

Bakke, 1978

Schenck v. United States, 1919

Miranda v. Arizona, 1966

Mapp v. Ohio, 1961

Engel v. Vitale, 1962

NY Times v. United States, 1971

NY Times v. Sullivan, 1964

In Re Gault, 1967

Bush v. Gore, 2000

Heart of Atlanta Motel v. US, 1964

## AP English Language Composition

*First 9 weeks*

Of Mice and Men

The Great Gatsby

*Second 9 weeks*

The Catcher in the Rye

The Scarlet Letter

All Over but the Shoutin'

A Summer Life

*Third 9 weeks*

Anthem

Night

*Fourth 9 weeks*

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

## 11th Grade Honors English

### Required

A Farewell to Arms by *Ernest Hemingway*

### Select an additional book from this list:

The Bonesetter's Daughter by *Amy Tan*

Run with the Horsemen by *Ferrol Sams*

All Over But the Shoutin' by *Rick Bragg*

The Poisonwood Bible by *Barbara Kingsolver*

A Prayer for Owen Meany by *John Irving*

The Things They Carried by *Tim O'Brien*

Looking for Alaska by *John Green*

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by *Stieg Larsson*

Songs Without Words by *Ann Packer*