

Summer Reading for 2009-2010 Juniors:

Choose two of the Coming-of-Age novels in the list below. These books are considered "Bildungsroman," books about the moral and psychological growth of the main character--usually a young protagonist. We will write on summer reading when we return in August.

At some point over the summer, make a visual depiction of some element in one of the works you love; portray character, theme, narrator, contrast--whatever appeals to you. This visual will be a major grade (your first!), so show me what you can do! Have fun with this; you have no rules or guidelines. Use any media, and make it aesthetically pleasing. You will present it to the class.

These are wonderful books, beloved by many students before you, so be sure to choose two that appeal to you.

The designation of country following the book indicates the setting of the novel or the country of the author.

Summer Selection Choices:

- Animal Dreams*--Barbara Kingsolver--American
- Breath, Eyes, Memory*--Edwidge Danicatt--Haitian
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*--Mark Haddon--British
- Never Let Me Go*--Kazuo Ishiguro--British/Japanese
- Purple Hibiscus*--Chimamanda Adichi--Nigerian
- The Secret Life of Bees*--Sue Monk Kidd--American
- Taste of Salt*--Frances Temple--Haitian
- Their Eyes Were Watching God*--Southern/African-American
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*--Betty Smith--American, early 20th century
- What is the What*--Dave Eggers--American/Sudanese

Fall Selections

(Please purchase the three novels below, but don't read ahead of time. We'll read them together.)

- August--*Lord of the Flies*--William Golding--British
- September--*The Catcher in the Rye*--J.D. Salinger--American
- October--Romantic and Victorian Poetry--various authors--British
- November--*The Little Chinese Seamstress*--Dai Sijie--Chinese

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Novels I want to read!

Catcher in the Rye

The Purple Hibiscus

Lord of the Flies