

Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School Grade 12 Summer Reading 2018

Dear Parents and Students:

The English Department at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School is excited to share the summer reading selections for incoming seniors.

All seniors this year will select one novel from a list of five choices. Two of these novels come from the British mystery tradition. *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is a classic collection of short stories about the iconic detective. *Murder on the Orient Express* is another British classic from the most successful mystery writer in history, Agatha Christie. In the novel *1984*, George Orwell creates a bleak dystopian world ruled by a brutal totalitarian government. A more contemporary take on the dystopian novel is *The Carbon Diaries* by Saci Lloyd. This novel imagines a world riddled by the effects of climate change. Written in the form of the diary of 15 year old Lauren Brown, the novel chronicles the struggles of the Brown family as the climate of Great Britain changes drastically. Finally, *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt has become a classic memoir. This book tells the story of young Frank McCourt and his family as they struggle with poverty and loss in Ireland. Students can expect an assessment on their chosen book when they return to school.

Students enrolled in grade 12 **Accelerated** English will choose one book from the five selections mentioned above and, in addition, will read *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley. Set in a distant future, *Brave New World* follows the protagonist John as he finds himself lost in the technologically advanced, but sterile and emotionless World State. Grade 12 accelerated students can expect a written assessment on *Brave New World* within the first two weeks of school.

Although much care has gone into these selections, it is asked that parents review all summer reading books to make sure they are appropriate for their child. If an alternative summer reading book is needed, please e-mail Mr. Hayhurst at mhayhurst@bridge-rayn.org.

Sincerely,

Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School English Department

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Senior Summer Reading Books 2018

Grade 12 Academic and Accelerated

Choose one book from the following list:

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

The Carbon Diaries by Saci Lloyd

1984 by George Orwell

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

Grade 12 Accelerated: *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley