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**WHHS STUDENTS:**

Participate in the WHHS Summer Reading Program and receive EXTRA CREDIT in your English class, 1st semester, Fall, 2012.

**Requirements:**

**Two books minimum must be read and the Summer Reading Summary Sheet must be completed for each book.**

- Read any book and complete the Summer Reading Summary Sheet thoroughly. Return it to your English teacher within the first 10 days of school and this will count as EXTRA CREDIT for this class if approved by your English teacher.
- You may choose any book(s) or author as long it is appropriate for you. It may or may not be from this list as long as it is just right for you.

**Complete this assignment and receive:**

**READ 2 books:**

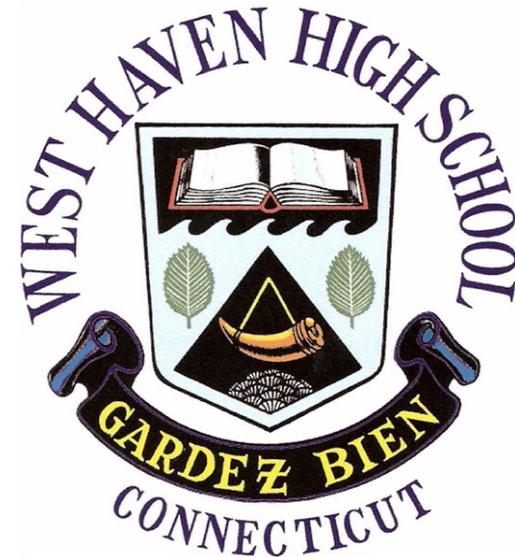
- Extra Credit in English Class
- Summer Reading Certificate
- **READ 4** or more books and participate in a special breakfast where you may invite a parent or special guest.
- **READ 5** or more books, complete the Summary Sheet for each book and go to TD Bank. They will open up a savings bank account for you and start you off with \$10.00 in the account or add \$10.00 to your existing TD Bank Savings account..

**WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING  
2012**

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SUMMER READING GUIDE 2012**

"There is more treasure  
in books than in all the  
pirate's loot on  
Treasure Island."

— Walt Disney



**West Haven High School**

**[www.whschools.org](http://www.whschools.org)**

**Go to WHHS link and**

**click on**

**Summer Reading Link.**

**Summary** The staff of the West Haven High School recognizes the importance of reading as a lifelong skill that all students need to acquire. All students at WHHS are expected to participate in the summer reading program and receive extra credit in their English Class for their work and other options of reward.

**So, besides the practical reasons, what's in it for you? Consider the possibilities. Through reading you can:**

**Become an expert.** An expert on any subject you like—from sports stats to spelunking, coins to carburetors, or anything in between.

**Live dangerously.** Through reading you can share the challenges, fears, thrills, and achievements of those you're reading about without the risk.

**Have a few laughs.** Sit down with a book by your favorite stand-up comedian, a collection of jokes or cartoons, or a humor magazine.

**See the world.** Without leaving your room, you can visit places that fascinate you. Travel through time. Explore the frontiers of the Old West or the frontiers of space. Historical fiction and science fiction move you back and forth in time.

**Use your brains.** Solve a mystery by figuring out whodunit, outwit a crafty villain, or think yourself out of a perilous situation. Your first clue: look up Mysteries in the library catalog or ask for detective fiction at a bookstore.

**Get some free advice.** Lots of novels feature teenage characters who have problems and pressures like the ones you're dealing with. Check out the Young Adult section of the library or bookstore. Discover new interests. Through reading, you may develop an interest in something you knew nothing about before.

**Find a cause.** Get smart on an issue that matters to you. Read about people and organizations that support your cause, and get involved.

**Escape.** Noise, tension, or boredom getting you down? Give yourself a break. Leave everything behind as you escape into a book.

**Grow up.** If you find that you're outgrowing some of the books and magazines written for teens, ask to borrow some of the books and magazines your parents are reading.

(From *Reading is Fundamental*, <http://www.rif.org>)

**The Fault in Our Stars** John Green

He's in remission from the osteosarcoma that took one of his legs. She's fighting the brown fluid in her lungs caused by tumors. Both know that their time is limited.

**Last Night I Sang to the Monster** Benjamin Alire Saenz

Zach is full of words: An artist lives inside him.

**Lockdown** Walter Dean Myers

Fourteen-year-old Reese Anderson has already spent 22 months at the oxymoronically named Progress Center, and his prison world is delineated in painstaking detail—eternal stasis, a non-life, ever vulnerable to random violence and the threat of detention, added time and being sent upstate.

**Marcelo in the Real World** Francisco X Stork

In what turns out to be considerably more than just another tale told by an intelligent narrator with a spectrum disorder, 17-year-old Marcelo Sandoval gets a life-changing taste of the "real world" when he's forced to take a summer job in his father's law firm.

**Putting Markup on the Fat Boy** Bill Wright

Carlos, 16 and fabulous, just knows he's going to be famous.

**Salvage the Bones** Jesmyn Ward

An evocative novel of a family torn apart by grief, hardship, misunderstanding and, soon, the biggest storm any of them has ever seen.

**Something Like Hope** Shawn Goodman

Caught in the juvenile-justice system since eighth grade, 17-year-old Shavonne struggles with her emotions on a daily basis.

**Science Fiction**

**The House of the Scorpion** Nancy Farmer

Matt Alacrán has spent his youth secreted away in a secluded hut, his only knowledge of the world provided by his caregiver Celia and his view out the window on the white ocean of poppies growing all around.

**The Night Circus** Erin Morgenstern

Self-assured, entertaining debut novel that blends genres and crosses continents in quest of magic.



**A Long Walk to Water** Linda Sue Park

Nya goes to the pond to fetch water for her family taking eight hours every day. Salva walks away from his war-torn village. He is a “lost boy” refugee, destined to cover Africa on foot, searching for his family and safety. Two young people, two stories. One country: Sudan.

**The Book Thief** Markus Zusak

World War II Germany, the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich. Liesel scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can’t resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement before he is marched to Dachau. This is an unforgettable story about the ability of books to feed the soul.

**Money Boy** Paul Yee

After four years in Canada, Ray Liu is stressed out. On top of his parents' divorce in China, his father's remarriage, learning English and struggling in high school, Ray faces another challenge: he's gay.

**My Name is Not Easy** Debbie Dahl Edwardson

The story of three Inupiaq children (then known as Eskimos) living above the Arctic Circle who are sent to a Catholic boarding school with other children, white and Indian.

**Now is the Time for Running** Michael Williams

A harrowing tale of modern Zimbabwe.

**Under the Mesquite** Guadalupe Garcia McCall

A resilient Mexican-American girl copes with familial obligation and loss in this free-verse novel.

**Au Revoir, Crazy European Chick** Joe Schreiber

An awkward high-school exchange student morphs into a beautiful assassin, changing a boring prom night into a dangerous race against time.

**Blindness** Jose Saramago

The embattled relationships among the people of a city mysteriously struck by an epidemic of blindness form the core of this superb novel by the internationally acclaimed Saramago, the Portuguese author of, most recently, *The History of the Siege of Lisbon*.

**Gentlemen** Michael Northrop

Underachiever Micheal finds that art imitates life a little too closely when his friend Tommy leaves school angry and doesn't return for days.

**Dramatic Novels****Before I Die** Jenny Downham

With only months left to live, 16-year-old Tessa makes a list of things she must experience.

**Featured Authors by Genre**

**Mystery/Adventure** Peter Abrahams, Anthony Horowitz, James Patterson, Siobhan Dowd, Elizabeth Chandler, Jodi Picoult, Dan Brown

**Historical Fiction** Richard Peck, Judy Blundell, Adam Bagdasarian, Ann Rinaldi

**Fantasy** Rick Riordan, Cassandra Clare, Suzanne Collins, Christopher Paolini, Libba Bray, P.C. and Kristen Cast, Kenneth Opiel, J. K. Rowling

**Urban Fiction** L. Divine, Matt de la Pena, Nikki Grimes, Sister Souljah, Walter Dean Myers, Sharon Draper, Rita Williams Garcia, Coe Booth

**Science Fiction** Scott Westerfield, Orson Scott Card, Michael Crichton, Kevin Brooks

**Humor** Gordon Korman, Tim Tharp, Jordan Sonnenblick, Michele Jaffe, Ned Zizzini, David Sedaris

**Romance** Simone Elkeles, E. Lockhart, Sarah Dessen, Lauren Myracle, Nicholas Sparks, Meg Cabot, Rita Williams Garcia, Coe Booth, Richard Wright

**Memoirs** Jeannette Walls, Esmeralda Santiago, Dave Pelzer, Mitch Albom

**Graphic Novels** Neil Gaiman, Marjane Satrapi, Hiromu Arakawa, Nobuhiro Watsuki, Tite Kubo

**Paranormal** Stephenie Meyer, Carrie Ryan, Carrie Jones, Lili St. Crow, Claudia Gray

**Poetry** Langston Hughes, Margarita Engle, Julia Alvarez, Nikki Giovanni

**Sports** Chris Crutcher, Mike Lupica, John Coy, John Feinstein, Catherine Murdock

**Horror** Stephen King, Darren Shan, Simon Holt, Sara Shepard, Neil Shusterman, Laurie Stolarz

**Classics:** Jane Austen, William Shakespeare, John Steinbeck, Edgar Allan Poe, Ernest Hemingway, George Or-

**Nonfiction****Dear Bully, an anthology** Edward Megan and Kelley Hall

Today's top authors for teens come together to share their stories about bullying—as silent observers on the sidelines of high school, as victims, and as perpetrators—in a collection at turns moving and self-effacing, but always deeply personal.

**The Elephant Scientist** Caitlin O'Connell

In the sprawling African scrub desert of Etosha National Park, they call her "the mother of all elephants." Camouflaged and peering through binoculars, Caitlin O'Connell--the American scientist who traveled to Namibia to study African elephants in their natural habitat--could not believe what she was seeing.

**In My Skin** Kate Holden

Kate was a nice middle-class girl: a dreamy bookworm, a classics scholar and an innocent. In this memoir she chronicles in frank and beautifully crafted prose her descent into drug addiction and more. She tells how, ultimately, she overcame her addiction to forge a new life for herself.

**The New Kids : Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens** Brooke Hauser

In the lives of teenage newcomers who are at once ordinary and extraordinary in their path. An inspiring work of narrative journalism, *The New Kids* chronicles a year's to the American Dream.

**Unbroken** Laura Hillenbrand

Telling an unforgettable story of a man's journey into extremity, *Unbroken* is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit. A journey through World War II.

**In a Fisherman's Language: An Autobiography** Captain James

Arruda Henry Written by a man that did not learn how to read and write until he was ninety-five.

**Monday Mornings** Dr. Sanjay Gupta

Follows the lives of five surgeons at Chelsea General as they push the limits of their abilities and confront their personal and professional failings, often in front of their peers.

**Bring Your "A" Game: A Young Athlete's Guide to Mental Toughness** Jennifer Etnier

*Bring Your A'Game* introduces key strategies for mental training, such as goal setting, pre-performance routines, confidence building, and imagery. Excellent for athletes both on and off the field.

**The Last Lecture** Randy Pausch

This Professor delivers a lecture full of wisdom as he faces his battle with terminal cancer.

**Ghosts of War: The True Story of a 19-Year-Old GI** Ryan Smithson

Ryan Smithson joined the Army Reserve when he was seventeen. Two years later, he was deployed to Iraq as an Army engineer. In this extraordinary and harrowing memoir, readers march along one GI's tour of duty. It will change the way you feel about what it means to be an American.

**One On One: Behind the Scenes With the Greats in the Game**

Jon Feinstein Feinstein has interviewed some of the most enduring figures in sports--from hallowed coaches such as Bob Knight, Jim Valvano, Mike Krzyzewski, and Dean Smith to beloved athletes including Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Arnold Palmer, and John McEnroe, and here we have John Feinstein at his very best.

**We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success** Sampson Davis

Growing up on the rough streets of Newark, New Jersey, Rameck, George, and Sampson could easily have followed their childhood friends into drug dealing, gangs, and prison. But when a presentation at their school made the three boys aware of the opportunities available to them in the medical and dental professions, they made a pact among themselves that they would become doctors.

**Historical Fiction****Between Shades of Gray** Ruta Sepetyes

Breaks the silence behind Josef Stalin's atrocious reign through the eyes of a 15-year-old aspiring Lithuanian young woman.

**The Heretic's Daughter** Kathleen Kent

This is the story of Martha's courageous defiance and ultimate death, as told by the daughter who survived. Kathleen Kent is a tenth generation descendent of Martha Carrier. She paints a haunting portrait, not just of Puritan New England, but also of one family's deep and abiding love in the face of fear and persecution.

**Sarah's Key** Tatiana de Rosnay

Sarah's Key opens a door into this heartbreaking WWII episode that's been cloaked in silence.

**The Watch that End's the Night** Voices from the Titanic Allan Wolf

Twenty-four voices-of passengers, rats and even the iceberg-evoke the human tragedy of the ill-fated voyage. Wolf brings the history and, more importantly, the human scale of the event to life by giving voice to the players themselves.

**Inside Out and Back Again** Thannhha Lai

This is the moving story of one girl's year of change, dreams, grief, and healing as she journeys from one country to another, one life to the next.