

NMH Northfield Mount Hermon

English as a Second Language REQUIRED SUMMER READING 2010

Reading is a significant part of your English language education, and it is particularly important that you read during the long summer months. The list below is divided into two sections based on the difficulty of the language and content. If you are a returning student, choose a book from the level of the ESL course you are about to enter in the fall, not the one you have just completed. If you are a new student try to read books that will test your English skills, this will give you some idea of what ESL class you will be in when you come to school in the fall.

During the summer you must read **TWO** books from the list below.

A. For ESL class: Please choose and read any book from the list and then complete the writing assignment.

Choose **ONE** of the options below and **write** about 250 words, typed or handwritten, that will show that you understand themes and points in the book.

Writing Assignment Choices:

1. Find a significant passage and show specifically how that passage helps a reader understand the whole book.
2. Find a gap that you think should be filled. Write a scene or episode to fill that gap. At the start of your episode, say exactly and explicitly where the episode belongs (give a page number).

You are expected to turn in your notes at registration
(at the Center for International Education table).

B. For the opening day of school: Read a **second** book from the following list. On one page, **write** answers to the following questions and be prepared to bring the notes to class and deliver these answers in an oral report on the first day of school:

1. Why did you choose this book?
2. What did you like or dislike about the book?
3. What passage in the book is particularly well written and representative of what readers can expect from the book?

ADVANCED LEVEL (ESL 311)

Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
Deception Point, Daniel Brown
The Kin of Ata are Waiting for You, Dorothy Bryant
Kindred, Octavia Butler
Parable of the Sower, Octavia Butler
The Big Sleep, Raymond Chandler
The Alchemist, Paulo Coelho
The Mysterious Affair at Styles, Agatha Christie
The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, Agatha Christie
Ordinary People, Judith Guest
The Maltese Falcon, Dashiell Hammett

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee
The Call of the Wild, Jack London
House Made of Dawn, N. Scott Momaday
Animal Farm, George Orwell
Ceremony, Leslie Silko
Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck
The Red Pony, John Steinbeck
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan
Our Town (a play), Thornton Wilder
The Glass Menagerie (a play), Tennessee Williams

ESP LEVEL (ESL 411)

How the García Girls Lost Their Accents, Julia Alvarez
I'm Not Scared, Niccolò Ammaniti**
Waiting for Godot (a play), Samuel Beckett
In Cold Blood, Truman Capote
O Pioneers!, Willa Cather
Donald Duk, Frank Chin*
A Final Harvest: Emily Dickinson's Poems, Emily Dickinson
This House of Sky: Landscapes of a Western Mind, Ivan Doig
Rebecca, Daphne Du Maurier
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,
Mark Haddon
Least Blue Highways, William Heat-Moon
A Farewell to Arms, Ernest Hemingway
The Sun Also Rises, Ernest Hemingway
Hiroshima, John Hersey
Zorba the Greek, Nikos Kazantzakis

Animal Dreams, Barbara Kingsolver
The Bean Trees, Barbara Kingsolver
A Separate Peace, John Knowles
The Namesake, Jhumpa Lahiri
Interpreter of the Maladies (short stories), Jhumpa Lahiri
A River Runs Through It, Norman Maclean
In the Lake of the Woods, Tim O'Brien****
The Little Disturbances of Man, Grace Paley
All Quiet on the Western Front, Erich Maria Remarque
The Catcher in the Rye, J. D. Salinger
Nine Stories, J. D. Salinger***
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (a play),
Tom Stoppard
Early Short Stories: 1953–1975, John Updike
This Boy's Life, Tobias Wolff

FYI: The books marked with an asterisk (*) indicate titles that are required summer reading for non-ESL English classes.

* required for freshmen (ENG 111)

** required for sophomores (ENG 211)

*** required for juniors (ENG 311)

**** required for seniors (ENG 411)

For more information about non-ESL summer reading requirements, please read the summer reading lists for the grade you are entering in the fall (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, PG).