



CITY HONORS SCHOOL
SUMMER READING 2018

Entering Grade 8



What our ELA faculty expects you to read this summer

Choose one title from each list:

Fiction-

Feed

Watched

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time

The Secret Life of Bees

All American Boys

M. T. Anderson

Marina Budhos

Mark Haddon

Sue Monk Kidd

J. Reynolds & B. Kiely

Nonfiction-

In Cold Blood

The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia

The Soul of an Octopus

The Other Wes Moore

Brown Girl Dreaming

Truman Capote

Candace Fleming

Sy Montgomery

Wes Moore

Jaqueline Woodson

Why we expect you to complete this reading

There are so many ways that reading a lot will help you as a student: it increases your reading speed, expands your vocabulary, and exposes you to time periods and places you aren't able to visit yourself. Reading a lot doesn't just make you a better student, though- it also makes you a better person. Studies have shown that the more fiction you read, the better you are able to understand and empathize with others. Reading allows you to access experiences you may never live through yourself, giving you a partial glimpse of what another's life is like.

What you should do before you read these texts

Acquire a copy you can bring to school with you in September.

What you should do while you are reading

Enjoy! For the fiction title, think about what themes (big ideas about what it's like to be a person) the author is trying to convey. For both, formulate an opinion. What aspects did you like? What didn't you like?

How we will make use of the reading when we return to school

We will use the fiction title to write an essay about a major theme you see in the novel. We will use the nonfiction title to create presentations, in teams, highlighting different aspects of the books.

Additional things you need to succeed in English Language Arts for the upcoming school year

Three ring binder with loose leaf paper and 4 dividers

One composition notebook (or notebook with a vinyl cover)

1 pocket folder

1 box of tissues

Oedipus & Of Mice and Men can be ordered through the school bookstore

Whom to contact for questions

Please email Ms. Elliott with any questions- relliott@buffaloschools.org