

Summer 2015
Pre-AP English 9
Summer Reading Assignment

Please be aware that all students scheduled for a Pre-AP level class will be responsible for completing the summer reading assignment. If a student decides to change his or her schedule on registration day to include a Pre-AP level English class, he or she will still be expected to turn in the summer reading assignment by August 17th, 2015. This will include students who are enrolled in a second semester English class.

The summer reading assignment must be turned in to Mrs. Paulette, the librarian, and all Accelerated Reader quizzes taken by **August 10th, 2015**. Students will be able to take quizzes at the high school during the week of August 3rd-7th. All portions of the summer reading assignment are due on or before the first day of school, even if the student is enrolled in Pre-AP English during the 2nd semester. Work turned in after the first day of the 2014-2015 school year will be deducted points for being late.

Assignment: Choose two books from the ninth grade summer reading list.

- a. Read the **pair** of two books you chose.
- b. Complete the AR quizzes on the books.
 - We ask that all students wait until after June 1, so that quizzes will not be combined with the quizzes taken at the middle school for the fourth quarter of the 2014- 2015 school year.
 - AR quizzes cannot be taken at home. They are password protected and must be taken at the high school during the week of August 3rd-7th.
 - If you have already taken a quiz on a book, the Accelerated Reader program will not allow you to retake the quiz, no matter how long ago you took it.
- c. Complete a book-related project on **one** book pair.
 - Students are expected to submit a book-related project on the pair of books chosen to read for summer reading.
 - Suggestions for projects include, but are not limited to: puppet shows; talk show skits; student-made videos; dramatic performances of a scene; Glogster page; creative/artistic interpretive objects, Prezi, Animoto, etc.
 - Please do not complete your project on notebook paper.
 - Use color, 3-D effects, etc. to really show off your project.

- If you create something to show on the computer, please make sure that it plays on a school computer before the day it is due. Unfortunately, sometimes a project will work at home, but not at school. Mrs. Paulette in the library can help you make sure your presentation will work at school.
- Also, if you create something on the computer, you need to make sure the teacher either has a copy of it, or, if it is web-based, is able to view it online after presentations are completed.
- Effort and creativity, as well as overall appearance, will contribute to your grade.
- Most importantly, have fun! This is your chance to show your classmates and your teacher what you can do.
- The project will be presented to the class at the beginning of the semester the student has Pre-AP English 9.

Rubrics

Book Project and Presentation

	Potential Points
Gives Title	10
Gives Author	5
Thoroughness	30
Presentation	15
Creativity/Effort	40
Total	100

Final Grade

The final grade for the summer reading assignment will be an average of the project, the presentation, and the AR quiz grades. The final grade will be considered a test grade.

**If you have any questions, please free to contact:
Julie Amos - jbamos@appomattox.k12.va.us**

You may also call Appomattox County High School at (434) 352-7146.

The complete summer reading assignment and book list will be posted on the library website, accessed through the ACHS website.

Summer Reading Book List

You need to choose 1 pair of books. Each pair consists of a non-fiction and fiction book dealing with a similar topic. Many of these books are written to accurately represent the events and language that people used at the time, so keep that in mind as you choose. Please choose books that you are comfortable with, and that you feel like you will enjoy.

Weather Catastrophes

Ninth Ward (Jewell Parker Rhodes) **and** Isaac's Storm (Erik Larson)

Civil Rights

The Rock and the River (Kekla Magoon) **and** Elizabeth & Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock (David Margolick) **OR** Warrior's Don't Cry (Melba Beals)

Women's Rights

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau Banks (E. Lockhart) **and** With Courage and Cloth (Ann Bausum)