High School Summer Reading 2016

One Book Lower Merion High School/One Book Harriton High School

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown.

**This year's selection was chosen by members of the high school social studies departments, who will honor the reading of this book in a fall celebration of literacy and reference the book's historical nuances and themes related to perseverance throughout the year. Students have the option of reading either the full-length edition or the young readers' edition.*

Required Summer Reading for English Courses

**These books are among the first required texts of each English course. Students work with and through these texts during the opening weeks of school and they are referenced throughout the first quarter and year.*

9th Grade: optional reading of *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore

9th Grade Honors: *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore

**excerpts from The Other Wes Moore will be discussed on both levels during the opening days of school.*

10th Grade: optional reading of *The Hunger Games*

10th Grade Honors: *1984* by George Orwell
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**archetypes and themes related to dystopia will be discussed on both levels during the opening days of school.*

11th Grade: optional reading of *Tortilla Curtain* by T.C. Boyle

11th Grade Honors: reading of *Tortilla Curtain* by T.C. Boyle

**excerpts from Tortilla Curtain related to the concepts of The American Dream and American Immigration will be discussed during the opening days of school.*

11th Grade AP Language: *The Shame of the Nation* by Jonathan Kozol
Choice Non-Fiction from the following list:

The Ghost Map – Steven Johnson
The Overachievers – Alexandra Robbins
Stiff – Mary Roach
The Cheating Culture – David Callahan
Unbroken – Laura Hillenbrand

IB Literature Part 1: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

12th Grade Courses

Modern and Contemporary Literature: *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver
Modern and Contemporary Literature Honors: *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver
Choice of one additional book (novel or memoir)

Reading and Writing Non- Fiction: *The Color of Water* by James McBride
Reading and Writing Non- Fiction Honors: *The Color of Water* by James McBride
Choice of one additional book (non-fiction)

Heroes and Monsters: *Grendel* by John Gardner
Heroes and Monsters Honors: *Grendel* by John Gardner

AP Literature: *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen
Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
Atonement by Ian McEwan

IB Literature Part 2: *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
Woe is I by Patricia T. O'Conner