**English 9/10: Summer Reading List**

As English teachers, we believe in the power of literature to change lives.  Our Summer Reading Program offers our haumāna the opportunity to choose texts that they are interested in and open themselves up to the possibility of a life-changing experience.  All of the texts on this list are here because, in some way, they affected the life of a teacher in our department.

Many of these texts deal with difficult issues.  They talk about poverty, death, despair, violence, hatred, selfishness, slavery, racism, and abuse.  The same texts, however, also deal with beauty, generosity, courage, hope, love, and the undying power of the human spirit.

In the past, we would star (\*) our texts to “indicate a parental advisory due to occasional profanity, explicit language, sensitive topics, and/or drug use or sexual references.”  However, the reality is that all good literature deals with “sensitive topics,” and even the well-known “classics” include explicit language and the occasional profanity.

Therefore, we encourage you, as parents, to use this Summer Reading Program as an opportunity to engage with your child before, during, and after he/she chooses and reads a book.  There are numerous online resources that provide reviews of the books on this list, and your local Young Adult librarian should also be able to provide some guidance to match your child’s interests.

This is an invaluable opportunity to discuss what your family feels and believes about the issues brought up in any given text.  It is also an opportunity to read along with your child! We wish you and your ‘ohana an invigorating summer, and we look forward to talking story with your child in August.

**Genres**

**Historical Fiction:**

*Molokai* - Alan Brennert

*The Book Thief* - Markus Zusak

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* - John Boyne

*Killer Angels*  - Michael Shaara

*Fallen Angels* - Walter Dean Meyers

*A Tale of Two Cities,* by Charles Dickens

**Realistic Fiction:**

*The Chocolate War* - Robert Cormier

*Homecoming* - Cynthia Voight

*Outsiders* - S.E. Hinton

*The Hate List* - Jennifer Brown

*Along for the Ride* - Sarah Dessen

*The Kite Runner* - Khaled Hosseini

*Monster*- Walter Dean Meyers

*Tortilla Curtain* - T.C. Boyle

**Coming of Age:**

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, by Betty Smith;

*Great* *Expectations*, by Charles Dickens;

*The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, by Carson McCullers;

*Panic* - Lauren Oliver

*Twisted* - Laurie Halse Anderson

*Flowers for Algernon*- Daniel Keyes

*Anne of Green Gables,* by Lucy Maud Montgomery

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* Steven Chbosky

*Looking for Alaska* - John Green

*The Chosen* - Chaim Potok

*Hope was Here -* Joan Baur

*A Step from Heaven* - An Na

*Far North -* Will Hobbs

**Mystery/Thriller:**

*We Were Liars* - E. Lockhart

*IT* - Stephen King

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes -* Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

*Murder on the Orient Express -* Agatha Christie

*A Northern Light -*Jennifer Donnelly

**Hawaiian / Local / Pacific Literature:**

*Hawaiian Fishing Traditions –* Moku Manu and Others

*Ka ‘Olili:  The Shimmering* – Keola Beamer

*Ancient O’ahu Tales* – Fornander and Thrum

*The Hawaiian Survival Hand Book -* Brother Noland

*Eddie Would Go:  The Story of Eddie Aikau, Hawaiian Hero*-  Stuart Coleman

*Night of the Howling Dogs -*  Graham Salisbury

*The Red-headed Hawaiian -* Chris McKinney

*Molokai* - Alan Brennert

Nahi‘ena‘ena - Sacred Daughter of Hawai‘i - Marjorie Sinclair

Middle Son - Deborah Iida

My Name is Loa - Dee Buckingham

***School for Hawaiian Girls*** - Georgia Ka‘apuni McMillen

***Ka‘ahumanu:*** Moulder of Change - Jane L. Silverman

***Pouliuli*** *-* Albert Wendt

**Sports Literature:**

*Boy 21-* Matthew Quick

*Slam* - Walter Dean Meyers

*Game* - Walter Dean Meyers

*First Team* - Tim Green

*The Only Game* - Mike Lupica

*Eddie Would Go:  The Story of Eddie Aikau, Hawaiian Hero* - Stuart Coleman

*Stupid Fast - Geoff Herback*

**Classic Literature:**

*A Separate Peace* - John Knowles;

*Catʻs Cradle* - Kurt Vonnegut

*Treasure Island* - Robert Louis Stevenson

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* - Scott O’Dell

*The Good Earth* - Pearl S. Buck

*Little Women -*  Louisa May Alcott

*Lord of the Flies* - William Golding

*Catch-22* - Joseph Heller

*Wuthering Heights* - Emily Bronte

*Jane Eyre* - Charlotte Bronte

*Sense and Sensibility,* by Jane Austin

*The Prince and the Pauper -* Mark Twain

*Cry, the Beloved Country -* Alan Paton

*Call of the Wild -*  Jack London

**Fantasy / Science Fiction:**

*The Hobbit* - J. R. R., Tolkein;

*The Lord of the Rings* Trilogy - J.R.R. Tolkien

*Ender’s Game,* by Orson Scott Card;

*Micro* - Michael Crichton

*Jurassic Park* - Michael Crichton

*Sphere* - Michael Crichton

*Congo* - Michael Crichton

*Andromeda Strain* - Michael Crichton

*Timeline* - Michael Crichton

*Watership Down* - Richard Adams

*Ship Breaker* - Paolo Bacigalupi

*Every Day* - David Levithan

*Phantom Tollbooth -* Norton Juster

*A Wrinkle in Time* - Madeleine L’Engle

*An Endless Ring of Light* - Madeleine L’Engle

*Fat Vampire: A Never Coming of Age Story* - Adam Rex

*Beauty Queens* - Libba Bray

*Harry Potter* Series - J.K. Rowling

*Maze Runner* - James Dashner

*Daughter of Smoke and Bone* - Laini Taylor

*A Great and Terrible Beauty* - Libba Bray

*Hitchiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* - Douglas Adams (Any of the books in the series)

*Holes* - Louis Sachar

*The Neverending Story* - Michael Ende

*Delirium* - Lauren Oliver

*Eragon* - Christopher Paolini

*The Scorpio Races* - Maggie Stiefvater

*Martian Chronicles* - Ray Bradbury

*Gone-* Michael Grant

*Wicked* - Gregory Maguire

*The Red Pyramid--* Rick Riordan

*Soulforge* - Margaret Weis

*Fahrenheit 451* - Ray Bradbury

*1984* - George Orwell

*Time of the Twins* - Margaret Weis

The Golden Compass - Philip Pullman

**Memoir/Non-fiction/Creative Non-fiction:**

*Boy*, by Roald Dahl;

*The Diary of a Young Girl*, Anne Frank;

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* - Maya Angelou

*Persepolis* - Marjane Satrapi

*The Things They Carried* - Tim OʻBrien

*The Red-headed Hawaiian* Chris McKinney

*I am Malala:  The Girl Who Stood Up for Education & Got Shot by the Taliban*  Christina Lamb & Malala Yousafzai

*Unfamiliar Fishes* - Sarah Vowell

*Shaq Uncut: My Story* - Shaquille O’Neal

*Me Talk Pretty One Day* - David Sedaris

***Warriors Don’t Cry* -** Melba Beals