

Dear Students and Parents,

Over the summer all Redwood English students are required to read one book. Students must choose their book from the appropriate list below. **When they return in the fall, students should bring their book to English class as our first two graded assignments will relate to that book.** There is no summer work other than reading the book, although we encourage students to jot down a few notes about the book as they read to help with remembering key ideas and characters later. Of course, if you want to read more than one book over the summer, we're thrilled with the idea. Books with some mature content are marked with an (m). Both student and parent should sign at the bottom and return to the current English teacher. Feel free to keep the top portion of the page if you think you'll need it later to find a book. We've also posted this list on the school's website.

Next Year's Freshmen Choices

Marley and Me (non-fiction)—John Grogan
The Book Thief -- Markus Zusak
The Perks of Being a Wallflower—Stephen Chbosky
Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West-Gregory Maguire
Persepolis I – Marjane Satrapi

Next Year's Sophomores Choices

A Long Way Gone (non-fiction) – Ishmael Beah
Water for Elephants – Sara Gruen
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan -- Lisa See
The Perfect Storm (non-fiction)—Sebastian Junger
The White Castle -- Oran Pamuk

Next Year's Juniors and Seniors Choices

Rabbit, Run – John Updike
Out Stealing Horses – Per Petterson
Three Cups of Tea -- Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
Slam – Nick Hornby (m)
A Mercy – Toni Morrison

I understand that I am to read a book from the above list over the summer. _____
Student signature

I understand that my child is to read a book from the above list over the summer. _____
Parent signature