

## **Secondary Summer Reading 2025**

**Welcome to your Summer Reading Adventure!** Summer is a fantastic time to relax, recharge, and explore new worlds. Your summer reading is designed to keep your mind sharp, build your reading skills, and introduce you to exciting stories and ideas before we start the new school year.

### ☐ **Create a Reading Schedule:**

- **Don't Procrastinate!** Summer reading is much more enjoyable and less stressful if you spread it out.
- **Break It Down:** Divide the total pages or chapters by the number of weeks you have.
- **Set Goals:** Aim to read a certain number of pages or chapters each week.
- **Factor in future Assignments:** Read for comprehension, not completion. You will complete an assignment in the fall.

### ☐ **Engage with the Text:**

- **Active Reading:** Don't just passively read. Think about what you're reading.
- **Annotate:** If allowed and encouraged, highlight key passages, write notes in the margins (characters, themes, vocabulary, questions, reactions). Annotations can be done in print and in a digital manner.
- **Take Notes:** If you can't write in the book, use a notebook or digital document to jot down important details, character traits, plot points, recurring motifs, and your own thoughts.
- **Look Up Unfamiliar Words:** Expand your vocabulary.
- **Think About Themes and Motifs:** What are the big ideas the author is exploring? Are there symbols or recurring images? **Consider Character Development:** How do characters change throughout the story? What motivates them?

### **Summer Reading list by grade level:**

**6th Grade Summer Reading:** *The Giver* by Lois Lowry,

**7th Grade Summer Reading:** *Dark They were and Golden Eyed*, Ray Bradbury

**8th Grade Summer Reading:** *Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs

**9th Grade Summer Reading:** *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

**10th Grade Summer Reading:** *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

**AP Literature & Composition Summer Reading:** *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin