

To: All Students Taking English 9

From: English 9 Teachers

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Re: Summer Reading Assignment

We look forward to having you in class next year and hope that you have an enjoyable summer. To get us off to a good start, you will need to do the following:

You will be reading two books over the course of the summer. There will be reading checks and assignments to be completed when you start at the high school in the fall. For each book, you should complete the following to prepare for the assessments we will be giving in September.

- A. **Read Two Books -- One of the books is to be selected from the attached lists and the other is *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein which is part of our One School – One Book program.** To help you focus your reading, fill out the Book Review forms which are available on the Summer Reading link on the JCHS website: Pay particular attention to the various characters in the books. It is advisable to keep a character list so that you can refer back to this information before you take the reading quizzes for the books.
- B. For your selected book, consider what you are learning about the culture. Use the reading of this book to help you to develop your cultural lens for reading analysis.
- C. When you come to school in September, you will have two book review forms. We will be collecting forms.

Happy reading and enjoy the summer!

Summer 2019 Reading List for James Caldwell High School:

For future freshmen—

Read *The Art of Racing in the Rain* and 1 of the following:

China

Ties that Bind, Ties that Break-- Lensey Namioka

Shanghai Girls – Lisa See

Red Scarf Girl -- Ji-li Jiang

China Dolls -- Lisa See

The Night Tiger- Yangsze Choo

India

White Tiger--Aravind Adiga

The Namesake--Jhumpa Lahiri

The Lowland- Jhumpa Lahiri

Family Life -- Akhil Sharma

The Full Moon Bride -- Shobhan Bantwal

A Long Way Home – Saroo Brierley

Africa

The Power of One—Bryce Courtenay

Tears of the Giraffe—Alexander McCall Smith

Purple Hibiscus—Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Invictus: Nelson Mandela and the Game that Made a Nation -- John Carlin

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind -- William Kamkwamba

Children of Blood and Bone—Tomi Adeyemi

Japan

Memoirs of a Geisha-- Arthur Golden

Samurai's Garden -- Gail Tsukiyama

Shizuko's Daughter -- Kyoko Mori

The Girl with the White Flag -- Tomiko Higa

Latin America

Before We Were Free-- Julia Alvarez

Motorcycle Diaries --Ernesto Guevara

How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents -- Julia Alvarez

Middle East

I am Malala-- Malala Yousafzai

9 Parts of Desire-- Geraldine Brooks

Europe

Leonardo's Shadow-- Christopher Grey

(Some of these titles are available on the school library's Overdrive and should also be available at public libraries, bookstores such as Barnes and Noble and Watchung Booksellers, and on-line book stores such as Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com)