

Summer Reading for English 9 Students 2018-2019

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Welcome to English 9 and to Nardin Academy! We look forward to meeting you, personally, in September. Your summer reading will be the first step on your new adventure of high school, and we truly hope that it will be an enjoyable and invigorating one. Below are the titles of your summer reading selections. Both are required readings. These works explore the many dimensions of human nature, the power of choice and chance, family, the human experience, social justice and injustice, as well as the belief in one's self and the good in others.

Please also be on the lookout for information coming in the mail regarding our school-wide read.

Selections			
Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN
<i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i>	Jamie Ford	Ballantine	978-0-345-50534-7
<i>All But My Life</i>	Gerda Weissmann Klein	Hill and Wang	978-0-809-01580-1

***Please note that while it is not a required text, if you have not read *To Kill a Mockingbird*, we ask that you consider doing so. It can add greatly to our class discussions with such powerful lessons. Thank you!

Reading Task:

1. Please read and annotate each text. As you read, record your thoughts and reactions in the margins. Consider your annotations a conversation with the text. See below for an example of an annotated page.
2. Please record and define unfamiliar words. Please purchase a vocabulary notebook. We recommend a simple composition notebook. This will be your vocabulary notebook for the next four years. As you complete your summer reading, including the all school read, record any unfamiliar words in your notebook. When you have a moment, define each word on your list.

Evidence of Learning Task:

1. During the first few days of school, you'll be assessed on your understanding of the plot elements of the novels.
2. We also look forward to reviewing your vocabulary and annotations.

What Should I Bring to Class on Day 1?:

1. Your annotated novels
2. Your vocabulary notebook

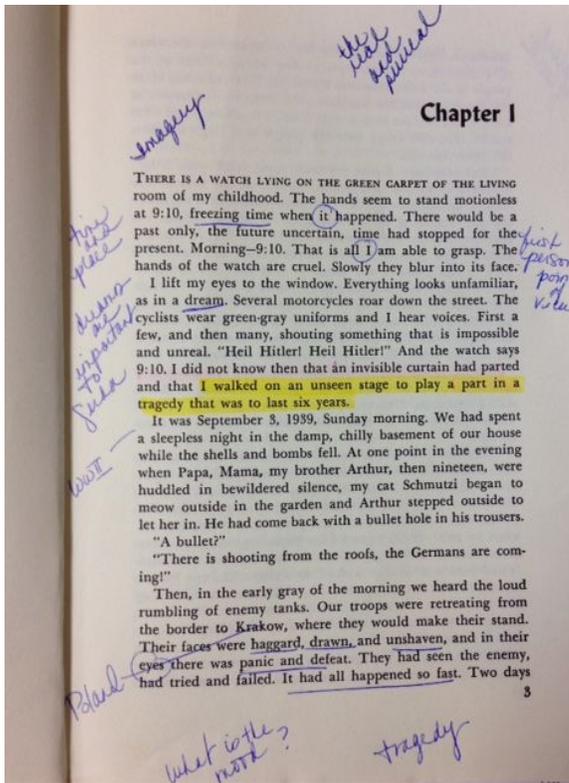
Where Do I Purchase/Order the Summer Reading Novels?:

1. Barnes and Noble, Talking Leaves, or other local bookstores
2. Amazon.com or other sites

Notes on the Texts:

Please note that due to the subjects and social and historical context of both texts, they are emotionally difficult reads. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to either of us, Mrs. Anain (janain@nardin.org) or Miss Eddy (eeddy@nardin.org). Please e-mail either of us from your parent/guardian's e-mail until you have a Nardin e-mail account. Thank you so much!

Annotation example:



Enjoy a wonderful summer! Please be a careful and thoughtful reader.
We look forward to meeting you in September!