

Junior Summer Reading:

2014-2015

Dear Colts and Colt Parents,

With summer upon us and another school year right around the bend, the English Department wishes to remind you to include summer reading in your vacation activities. Because summer reading is an integral part of the English curriculum, the English Department has gone to great lengths to select works of literary merit which prepare students for their studies next year.

While you read, it is expected that you will complete the attached assignment for each book read. You will also be tested over the assigned summer reading once you return to class in August. These assessments are important grades that will follow you all year, so please, *take them seriously and return to school with your work complete.*

These books are all available at local bookstores, at the public library (call for availability), and online. **Please make your summer reading a priority—it is an important and mandatory part of your education!**

All juniors not enrolled in English III Honors must read one of the following novels:

- **Gulliver's Travels** by Jonathan Swift
 - o Join Gulliver on his four mysterious voyages that give him new insight into other peoples' ways of life and teach him a few things about his own society! Swift is satire at its very best.
- **Treasure Island** by Robert Louis Stevenson
 - o When Jim Hawkins ends up on a pirate ship with characters like the ship's cook, Long John Silver, he's in for the adventure of a lifetime. Sailing, pirates, and treasure await in one of the most famous stories of all time.
- **The Time Machine** by H.G. Wells
 - o Following the adventures of a time traveler who gets stuck in the year 802,701 AD, this novel tells the tale of two warring tribes and the journeys of a man who can see everything that has ever, or will ever, happen.

All honors level juniors must read the following:

- **Dracula** by Bram Stoker
 - o This is the classic tale of Jonathan Harker, Dr. Abraham Van Helsing, and the most popular monster ever created. Find out the truth about vampires from the book that started it all.

All honors level juniors must also read one of the following:

- **Brave New World** by Aldous Huxley
 - o The utopia known as WorldState is a paradise where everyone fights depression with daily doses of government-sponsored drugs and birth is something that only happens in laboratories. What could possibly go wrong?
- **The Invisible Man** by H.G. Wells
 - o What would you do if you discovered the means to make yourself invisible? What could you get away with? When a scientist named Griffin created an invisibility serum, does it break him, or was he already insane to begin with?