

**Palmyra Area High School
Summer Reading List
2009 (Updated 2011)**

Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life

Joseph Addison

English essayist, poet, and dramatist, 1672-1719

The following books have been chosen as those that will best prepare you for your upcoming honors level course. These titles will not only represent the reading level at which you will be expected to achieve, they will also provide essential background and/or enrichment for those elements of literature and writing included in the course.

Choose ONE of the books listed for your course and be prepared to take a reading test on the first day of class—semester one OR semester two. The test will cover basic plot, character, setting and theme, and is meant as a check for comprehension only. Your teacher may choose to study this work further once the semester begins.

You may purchase these books online or at any local bookstore that carries new and/or used books. The PHS, local, or college libraries are also an option.

Thank you for taking the time to read this summer. Enjoy!

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

Margaret Fuller

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- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya
- *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson
- *Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland* by Sally M. Walker

Honors Communication Skills 10

- *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines
- *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Remarque
- *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara

Honors Communication Skills 11

- *Ragtime* by E.L. Doctorow
- *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
- *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair
- *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams

Honors British Literature (grade 12)

- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- *A Room with a View* by E.M. Forster
- *Dracula* by Bram Stoker