

**PEDDIE SCHOOL**  
**English Department**  
**Summer Reading 2008**

Students are required to do the summer reading. Either tests or writing assignments on the summer reading books, given in the first week or two of the Fall Term 2007, are essential parts of the English curriculum. Most, if not all, of these books can be purchased at a large chain bookstore, such as Barnes & Noble or Borders. All can be purchased on-line from Amazon.com. Students are encouraged to purchase books as early in the summer as possible. If you wait until late summer, you may experience some difficulty in obtaining your summer reading books.

**Humanities 9**

*Kaffir Boy* by Mark Mathabane (Simon & Schuster ISBN: 0684848287)  
*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin ISBN: 0142001740)

**English 10**

All students must read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead Books ISBN: 1594480001)

Additionally, students must read EITHER at least one book from the following list:

*The Princess Bride* by William Goldman (Random House ISBN: 0345434625)  
*Shoeless Joe* by W. P. Kinsella (Houghton Mifflin ISBN: 0395957737)  
*Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut (Laurel ISBN: 0440180295)  
*In Country* by Bobbie Ann Mason (HarperPrennial ISBN: 0060913509)  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon (Knopf ISBN: 1400032717)  
*The Color Purple* by Alice Walker (Harcourt ISBN: 0156028352)

OR two novels (or two short story collections, or a novel and a short story collection) drawn from the following list of authors:

Harlan Coben (mysteries set in New Jersey and New York City)  
Agatha Christie (famous British mystery writer)  
Arthur Conan Doyle (inventor of famous detective Sherlock Holmes)  
Sharon McCrumb (historical novels of the Appalachian Mountains)  
Ian Fleming (inventor of James Bond, Agent 007)

**English 11**

All students must read: *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok (Fawcett Books ISBN: 0449213447)

Additionally, all students must read at least one other book from the following list:

*The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold (Back Bay Books ISBN: 0316168815)  
*Stand Before Your God* by Paul Watkins (Vintage ISBN: 0679759417)  
*A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving (Random House ISBN: 0345361792)  
*Warriors Don't Cry* by Melba Pattillo Beals (Washington Square Press ISBN: 0671866397)  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain (Penguin ISBN: 0143039563)  
*East of Eden* by John Steinbeck (Penguin ISBN: 0142004235)  
*Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver (Harper Perennial ISBN: 0060959037)  
*Gabriel's Story* by David Anthony Durham (Anchor ISBN: 0385720335)  
*Drinking Coffee Elsewhere* by ZZ Packer (Riverhead ISBN: 1573223786)

*The Raw Shark Texts* by Steven Hall (Canongate ISBN: 1847671748)

**American Studies**

All students must read: *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller (Penguin ISBN: 0142437336)

AND

One additional book from the English 11 list above.

**Senior English**

Students enrolled in Senior English will find their summer reading requirements on a separate sheet.