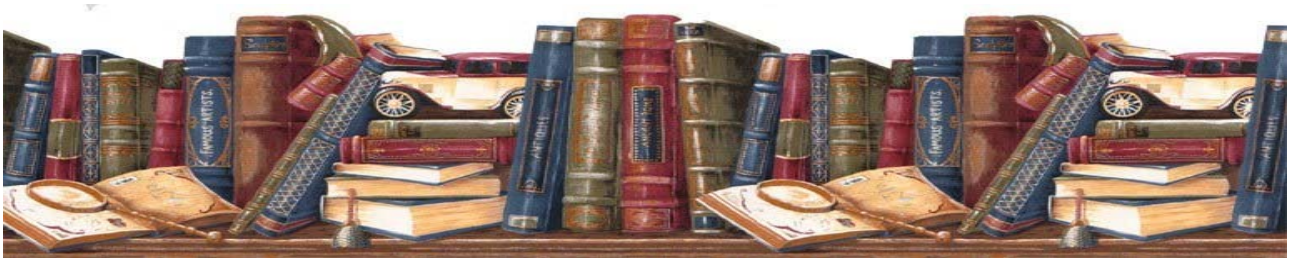

Vernon Township High School English Department

Summer Reading 2019

"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary." – Jim Rohn

Students,

The summer is a time to either press forward or fall behind. Those who think, read and learn are sprinting towards the future; those who are stagnant are falling behind. The Vernon Township High School English Department wants to encourage you to read throughout the summer. While we understand it is a great time for you to choose your own books and hopefully "catch up" on the books you have been meaning to read; we also understand the nature of responsibility. Therefore, we are assigning one book at each grade level that will be discussed and evaluated with tests, projects or other means at the start of the school year. Seniors in our program will use the summer to create an initial draft for the college application essay. This essay will be collected and graded on the first day of school.

The assigned book for each grade on the ACP level is listed below. We expect you to read the entire book carefully, take notes, and prepare for a test and/or other significant assessment at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year. A PDF of the book is available on our District Website through the High School Digital Backpack. We also have books available for you to sign out and return, or you can purchase the book in order to highlight and mark up.

We would like to wish you a wonderful and well-read summer and look forward to hearing about the wonderful books you have read.

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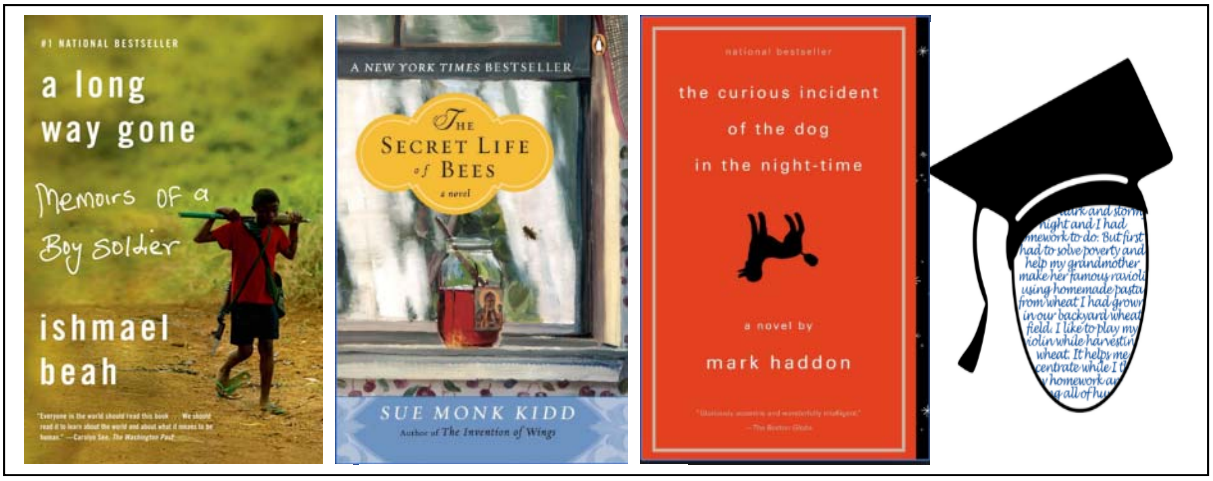
9 ACP – A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
10 ACP – The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
11 ACP – The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon
12 ACP – Complete College Essay (a draft will be collected and graded on the first day)