

## Summer Reading: Menlo-Atherton High School 2011

AS English I	Alexandre Dumas, <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> (Bantam Classic, translated and abridged by Lowell Blair, 440 pages)	<b>(Required)</b>
English I	Robert Cormier, <i>The Rag and Bone Shop</i> Laurie Halse Anderson, <i>Speak</i> Suzanne Collins, <i>The Hunger Games</i> Ishmael Beah, <i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a boy soldier</i>	<b>(Choose One)</b>
AS English II	Mary Shelley, <i>Frankenstein</i> John Gardner, <i>Grendel</i>	<b>(Read Both)</b>
English II	Sherman Alexie, <i>Flight</i>	<b>(Required)</b>
AP Language	Jamaica Kincaid, <i>A Small Place</i> George Orwell, <i>Why I Write</i>	<b>(Read Both)</b>
AS English III	Amy Tan, <i>Joy Luck Club</i> T.C. Boyle, <i>Tortilla Curtain</i>	<b>(Read Both)</b>
English III	Eric Schlosser, <i>Fast Food Nation</i> Morgan Spurlock, <i>Don't Eat This Book: Fast Food and the Supersizing of America</i>	<b>(Choose One)</b>
English III SDAIE	John Steinbeck <i>The Pearl</i>	<b>(Required)</b>
AP Literature	Margaret Atwood, <i>Oryx and Crake</i> Cormac McCarthy, <i>The Road</i>	<b>(Read Both)</b>
English IV	Susan Straight, <i>Highwire Moon</i> Mark Haddon, <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>	<b>(Choose one)</b>
English IV SDAIE	Lorraine Hansberry, <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	<b>(Required)</b>
Creative Writing	Natalie Goldberg, <i>Wild Mind: Living the Writer's Life</i> James Thomas and Robert Shapard, <i>Flash Fiction Forward: 80 Very Short Stories</i>	<b>(Read Both)</b>

### About summer reading:

All students enrolled in English at Menlo-Atherton are expected to complete the summer reading assignment that is appropriate for their grade level. In the fall, teachers make assignments based upon the summer reading which are incorporated into students' fall semester grade. The assignment may be a simple quiz, a project or an essay but all require the completion of the summer reading assignment before the first day of school. Fostering the habit of reading in our students, whether school is in session or not, is a key objective for the English department as a whole; we ask that students and parents respect and honor that commitment. Parents: we hope you'll join your student in reading one of the books on this list!

