

## UHS SUMMER READING – 2011

The University High School English Department is firmly committed to supporting student literacy and supplementing the school-year curriculum by recommending summer reading at all levels. This year, due to severe budget cuts and the impact of a recent legal decision, we will suggest rather than require summer reading for most levels. Our hope is that all students will read as suggested from the following grade-level list:

### **Incoming Sophomores:**

ALL incoming sophomores (CP & Honors) should read one novel by an American author.

Suggested titles are:

- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett for incoming CP students
- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith for incoming Honors students

### **Incoming Juniors:**

ALL incoming juniors (CP & AP) should read one novel by a British author.

Suggested titles are:

- *Emma* by Jane Austen
- *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- *The Crystal Cave* by Mary Stewart

### **Incoming Seniors:**

Suggestions for seniors are based on the class in which a student is enrolled:

*English 4 CP* students should read one current non-fiction book of merit.

Suggested titles are:

- *Drive* by Daniel H. Pink
- *Medium Raw* by Anthony Bourdain
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert

*AP Literature & Composition* students:

- **MUST READ:** *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
If you wish to check out a copy of the required novel from your English 3 teacher, please be sure to do so prior to the end of the school year.
- **SUGGESTED READ:** *A Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde

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## **English Department Electives – suggestions for juniors and seniors**

### **Career Preparatory English**

***Deep Survival* by Lawrence Gonzales**

### **Contemporary Studies in Language and Literature**

***Outliers: The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell**

### **Communications**

**None at this time**

**Alternative reading selections can be provided by current English teachers for any students who cannot or do not wish to purchase the appropriate suggested summer reading novel.**

**Please be aware that appropriate books will be available:**

- 1. for purchase at *A Whale of a Tale* near UCI OR**
- 2. for checkout from the UHS English Department (prior to school's end in June) OR**
- 3. for checkout from the local public libraries OR**
- 4. (in many cases) online.**

**\*\* Due to previously noted restrictions, incoming freshmen will not be receiving suggested summer reading. We hope that parents will share their favorite books with their children and continue to encourage their children to read for enjoyment.**