

Alexis I. duPont High School
Required Summer Reading: 2011-2012 School Year
English Department

All students attending Alexis I. duPont High School are asked to read during the summer as part of their preparation for English classes. Please note the suggested works for the course you will be taking Fall 2011.

- Select at least one of the books listed and read it during the summer
- Tests, essays, and/or other evaluations of the reading, determined by the teacher, will be completed during the first weeks of school
- This evaluation will be part of your first marking period grade
- The books are available in the AI High library, area public libraries, and book stores
- Plan to complete your reading just prior to your return in August so it will be fresh

Why read during the summer?

- Reading is a vital skill and practice is important to becoming a better reader
- Students who read widely write better, have stronger vocabularies, achieve higher grades, and perform better on SATs
- Reading takes you places and it's just plain fun to get lost in a book

For descriptions of the books, link to <http://destiny.redclay.k12.de.us> and select AI High and search the online catalog or visit <http://www.amazon.com>.

Have a wonderful summer and make reading an enjoyable part of your relaxation.

9th Grade Honors: All incoming 9th grade honors students should read two books:

Required for All: **The Pearl** by John Steinbeck (American Literature)

Select One:

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne (World War II Fiction)
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card (Science Fiction)
The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver (Contemporary Fiction)
Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar (Humor)
Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Mah (Memoir)