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Dear Good Hope Upper School Students:

Summer has arrived! Because of this, we need to issue the English department's summer reading requirements. For incoming 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, there will be one required reading title and one required book report on a book of your choice (the book report should not be on the required text). Please submit your book report on the first day of school. You will be given a test on the required text during the first week of class. In addition, you should come to class prepared to discuss the themes of the required text. Although you will be tested on only one book, you should read as many books as possible during the summer months. You should aim to read at least a book a week.

**The required text for each class is as follows:**

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade: *Flowers for Algernon*, by Daniel Keyes.
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade: *A Confederacy of Dunces*, by John Kennedy Toole.
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade: *Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel (this text is available to be signed out as a loan from GHS).
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade: *All the King's Men*, by Robert Penn Warren.
- AP Literature: In addition to *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren, AP students are required to read either *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte (if they haven't already), and if they have already read *Jane Eyre*, they should read *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte.

*(Note: the books are available in inexpensive editions through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com)).*

**Summer Reading Book Reports:** Book reports should include a brief synopsis of the book's plot (50 words), an essay analyzing the novel's theme (250-400 words), and a brief evaluation of the novel's merit (50 words).

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at [nedwashburn@yahoo.com](mailto:nedwashburn@yahoo.com) or [mjenkins.ghs@gmail.com](mailto:mjenkins.ghs@gmail.com). Have a great summer!

Best regards,

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