

## Aquinas Summer Reading List – 2010

All students at Aquinas are required to complete a summer reading assignment. An essay test on the books will be given in English classes on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The test grade will count as part of the first quarter average. We suggest that students keep a journal as they read so that they can review the books prior to the test. Suggested questions and topics are printed on the back of this list.

9R – *The Lightning Thief*, Riordan  
9R – *The Westing Game*, Raskin

9H – *The Lightning Thief*, Riordan  
9H - *The Hobbit*, Tolkien  
9H – *The Westing Game*, Raskin

**All 9<sup>th</sup> graders must also have a copy of Edith Hamilton's *Mythology* to be used in the fall.**

10R – *Monster*, Walter Dean Myers  
10R – *13 Reasons Why*, Asher

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10H – *Siddhartha*, Hesse  
10H – *Under the Persimmon Tree*, Staples

11R - *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*, Haddon  
11R - *Perks of Being a Wallflower*, Chbosky

AP Composition:

*Students must read two of the following books. The summer reading assignment can be found on Mr. Zeitvogel's teacher page on the Aquinas website.*

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Smith  
A Lesson Before Dying, Gaines  
This Boy's Life, Wolfe  
The Devil in the White City, Larson  
In Cold Blood, Capote  
Invisible Man, Ellison  
Catch 22, Heller  
Last of the Mohicans, Cooper  
A Farewell to Arms, Hemingway  
A Woman Warrior, Kingston  
The Awakening, Chopin  
As I Lay Dying, Faulkner

12R - *Girlfriend in a Coma*, Coupland  
12R - *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, Wilde

AP Literature – *Kafka's Metamorphosis and Other Stories*, Kafka  
AP Literature – *Candide*, Voltaire  
AP Literature – *Replay*, Grimwood  
AP Literature – *Dirk Gentley's Holistic Detective Agency*, Adams

## **Journal Suggestions:**

Although they will not be collected or graded, teachers recommend that students keep a journal to improve understanding of the books read and help students review for the test.

Keeping a journal is most effective if you write at intervals rather than writing when you have finished the entire book. We suggest that you stop every 30-50 pages and comment on what you are reading.

Following are some things you should know about every book that you read:

- Title and author
- Setting (time and place)
- From whose viewpoint is the novel written?
- Who are the main characters? Do any of them change? How do they interact?
- What conflicts occur in the book?
- What are the major themes in the book?
- What does the book tell about life and living?
- What parts seem most believable or unbelievable?
- Can you compare it to any other book you have read?