

## Summer Reading 2008 Ninth Grade English

Dear Students of 2008-2009 Ninth Grade English:

In addition to taking a well-deserved rest, I hope that you find time this summer to continue to expand the breadth and depth of your reading. Each student in English 9 is required to read three books over the summer:

One book is required (John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*) and it will serve as the starting point of the course's first thematic unit ("Friendship and Dreams").

One book must be selected from the list of recommended titles given below (many of these reflect the course's emphasis on international literature and its connection to the ninth grade World History curriculum.

The final selection is a free choice, but you are welcome to consult me during the next few days as classes and final examinations wrap up or over the summer (bweaver@lenoxps.org).

Thank you and I look forward to a great year,  
Ben Weaver

### Required

*Of Mice and Men*, John Steinbeck

### Recommended (pick one from this list)

*The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison  
*The Chosen*, Chaim Potok  
*Chronicle of a Death Foretold*, Gabriel García Márquez  
*Cry, the Beloved Country*, Alan Paton  
*In the Time of the Butterflies*, Julia Alvarez  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, Mark Haddon  
*The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan  
*The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini  
*Life of Pi*, Yann Martel  
*My Sister's Keeper*, Jodi Picoult  
*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, Stephen Chbosky  
*Shoeless Joe*, W.P. Kinsella

### Free Choice

You are free to select the final book on your own, but don't hesitate to consult me (bweaver@lenoxps.org) or other English, Humanities, and/or Library faculty.