

Rutherford High School

Summer Reading

2011



INTRODUCTION

The Rutherford High School Summer Reading Program is designed to encourage reading, to supplement the curriculum, to introduce acclaimed books, to increase vocabulary, and to expand students' literary skills. Writing based on the reading will enhance students' analytical, critical and creative thinking. Teachers will discuss and incorporate the themes of the summer reading books into their lessons in September, and will reference the novels throughout the year.

Grade level teachers, the library media specialist, and the department supervisor have carefully selected the books for the summer reading program. The books can be downloaded from the Rutherford High School Library Media Center page without a charge. Go to the Library catalog page at <http://www.rutherfordschools.org/rhs/library> and click on the tab for "Summer Reading." Click the link for "Follett e-Books." You will then be prompted to log in. Once logged in, you can download your book. Use this format: Login: guest Password: guest There are two copies of each book. Once you download the book it will be available for two weeks only, then it will automatically return to the catalog.

Every effort is made to have copies of the books available at the public library. All books are also available for purchase at local bookstores, or web sites such as iTunes, Nook, or Kindle.

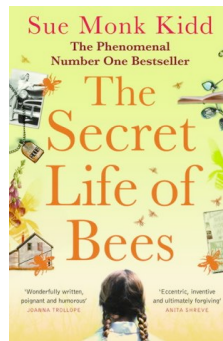
General Directions for Students:

*****The summer reading program is mandatory.*****

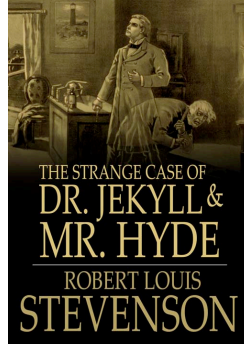
If you are entering Grade 9, you will read *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. Take notes on each chapter by filling in the graphic organizer located on this web site. Bring the graphic organizer to class on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. The notes will assist you when you are writing the assignments your teacher will give you. Lessons and discussions will take place. Your teacher will explain what you will need to write about in your essay/assignments



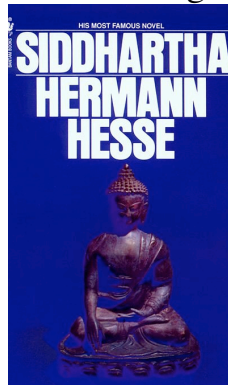
If you are entering Grade 10, you will read *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk. You must complete the graphic organizer located on this web site. You may need to make extra copies of the organizer, or you may use white lined paper to write out the information for the graphic organizer. Bring the graphic organizer to class with you on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. Lessons and discussions will take place. Your teacher will explain what you will need to write about in your essay/assignments.



If you are entering Grade 11, you will read *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. You must complete a double-entry journal for every chapter. Instructions for the double entry journal are on this web site. Bring your double entry journal with you to class on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. Lessons and discussions will take place. Your teacher will explain what you will need to write about in your essay/assignments.



If you are entering Grade 12, you will read *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse. Information for the novel is included on this web site and must be read before beginning the novel. Students should take notes as they read. English teachers will review the novel and students will have writing assignments based on the review.



The written assignment you complete in class will count as **FIVE PERCENT** of your grade for **Quarter One**, for English.

Students in grades 10-12 with special needs should consult their current ESL teacher, study skills teacher, in-class support teacher, and/or their guidance counselor or case manager for assistance in choosing a book. Modifications and/or alternate assignments are possible for special needs students. All modifications and alternate assignments must be made and approved by the Supervisor of Language Arts Literacy on or before the last day of school.

Students in Honors and Advanced Placement classes will have required summer reading for their specific classes **IN PLACE OF** this project. The currently assigned subject teachers will assign the books and projects for Honors and Advanced Placement classes before exams begin in June. The books and assignments are listed on this web site under the title of the course (AP English 400, Honors English 300, etc.).

All questions are to be directed to the Supervisor of Language Arts Literacy, Mrs. Lori Dernelle at Ldernelle@rutherfordschools.org or 201-438-7675 ext. 2232.