

# Hays High School Pre-A.P. and A.P. Summer Reading 2009-2010

Dear Parents,

Below, please find the Summer Reading selections for Pre-A.P. and A.P. English courses at Jack C. Hays High School for the school year 2009-2010. It is imperative that academically advanced students continue to challenge their minds over the summer break and maintain the intellectual discipline necessary for success in advanced classes.

Students enrolled in these classes will be assessed over summer reading at the beginning of the school year, and the literature will be integral to assignments for the duration of the school year. No excuse will be accepted for failure to fulfill summer reading assignments. While they might serve as worthwhile supplements to reading the actual text, viewing a film and/or reading Sparknotes or similar summaries will not serve as an adequate substitute for a careful reading of the text(s).

We recommend students purchase their own books so that they can annotate the text. If purchasing the materials presents an undue hardship for you, please contact Chris Gardner at [gardnerc@hayscid.net](mailto:gardnerc@hayscid.net). He will check out copies to your student free of charge.

Grade Level/Title(s)	Approx.\$
2009-2010 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders: <i>Ender's Game</i> – Orson Scott Card	\$6.00
<b>Materials published elsewhere may have incorrectly listed Homer Hickam's <i>October Sky</i> as the 9<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading selection. Those materials were published in error. The summer reading selection for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders is <i>Ender's Game</i>.</b>	
2009-2010 10 <sup>th</sup> Graders: <i>Siddhartha</i> – Hermann Hesse	\$6.00
2009-2010 11 <sup>th</sup> Graders: <i>Bless Me, Ultima</i> – Rudolfo Anaya <i>Color of Water</i> – James McBride	\$7.00 \$14.00
2009-2010 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders: <i>Catcher in the Rye</i> – J.D. Salinger <i>All the Pretty Horses</i> – Cormac McCarthy	\$7.00 \$15.00

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