

Hays High School Pre-A.P. and A.P. Summer Reading 2010-2011

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 2010-2011. 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. He will check out copies to your student free of charge.

Grade Level/Title(s)	Approx.\$
2010-2011 9 th Graders: <i>Ender's Game</i> – Orson Scott Card	\$6.00
2010-2011 10 th Graders: <i>Siddhartha</i> – Hermann Hesse	\$6.00
2010-2011 11 th Graders: <i>The Devil's Highway</i> —Luis Alberto Urrea <i>My Ántonia</i> —Willa Cather	\$14.00 \$10.00
2010-2011 12 th Graders: <i>Catcher in the Rye</i> – J.D. Salinger <i>All the Pretty Horses</i> – Cormac McCarthy	\$7.00 \$15.00

Any questions? Contact Chris Gardner by email at gardnerc@hayscid.net

Any version of the above texts will be acceptable.

Borders Books in Southpark Meadows (512-280-8011) has been informed of our summer reading choices and will work to keep all titles stocked.