

Maclay Summer Reading for Rising Freshmen

COMMUNITY BOOK. You must read the following community book. The community book is one which is read by every member of the class. Parents are also invited to read the community book. During the first week of school, your English teachers will review, conduct, or oversee projects, presentations, and group seminars -- all in an effort to generate a sharing of ideas as a community.

Author	Title
Elie Weisel	<u>Night</u> . Nobel Prize-winner Weisel tells the true story of a young Jewish boy who witnesses the death of his family in the Nazi prison camps. This powerful memoir serves as a reminder of an unforgivable horror.

INDEPENDENT CHOICE: Read **one** book from one of the lists of literary prize-winners. Be sure to choose a book which you have **not** already read for another school assignment. [Click here](#) to see the lists.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHOICE: You must also read **one** book from the following list. [Click here](#) for summer reading study guidelines.

Author	Title
William Barrett	<u>Lilies of the Fields</u> . Homer Smith, a black ex-GI, has his life changed when he meets a group of German-speaking nuns with a dream.
Ray Bradbury	<u>The Martian Chronicles</u> . In a collection of interrelated short stories, the colonization of Mars and the future of the Earth are predicted.
E.R. Braithwaite	<u>To Sir, with Love</u> . Set in a London inner city school, this is the inspiring story of a band of schoolroom savages and a teacher who tamed them.
Arthur Conan Doyle	<u>The Hound of the Baskervilles</u> . A Sherlock Holmes supernatural, terror-filled classic which takes place on a Scottish moor.
Clyde Edgerton	<u>Walking Across Egypt</u> . Humorous and touching story set in a small town in North Carolina. An elderly woman adopts a juvenile delinquent, a teenage boy who grows and changes because of their relationship.
Kaye Gibbons	<u>Ellen Foster</u> . A young girl growing up in the South survives many family problems and learns to overcome prejudice.
Elizabeth Kata	<u>A Patch of Blue</u> . The story of a blind white girl whose friendship with a black man leads to unexpected complications.
Barbara Kingsolver	<u>The Bean Trees</u> . What would you do if someone handed you a baby to hold, then ran away? This event changes Taylor Greer's life forever as she forms an unconventional family with her new baby.

John Knowles	<u>A Separate Peace</u> . The often uncomfortable world of ordinary adolescent boys in New England during the early years of World War II is examined in this fast-paced tragedy of human nature.
Gordon Parks	<u>The Learning Tree</u> . A black family in Kansas faces the barrier of society in the 1920's. A heart-warming and realistic view of life on the "frontier of democracy."
Erich Maria Remarque	<u>All Quiet on the Western Front</u> . Teenage boys in Germany in World War I are drafted out of high school and face all the horrors of war in this realistic novel.
J.K. Rowling	<u>Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince</u> . Number Six in the series!
Ferrol Sams	<u>Run with the Horsemen</u> . The first in a trilogy of the hilarious antics and adventures of Porter Osborne, Jr. Enjoy the growing up of a boy in rural Georgia during the 1920's and 30's.
Bram Stoker	<u>Dracula</u> . A wild tale of vampires, werewolves, and possession emphasizes the real conflict between good and evil. This novel was the inspiration for the "Count Dracula" legends.
Sue Townsend	<u>The Diaries of Adrian Mole, Age 13 3/4</u> . Adrian is a worrier. At 13 3/4 years, he experiences his parents' breakup, his first relationship with a girl, and the friendship of an 89-year-old chain smoker--all told in his own hilarious style in diary form.