

Providence Secondary Summer Reading: 2022

Reading Lists

Reading lists were created with several key factors in mind: appropriateness of content, level of challenge, and overall fit with each grade level curriculum. To encourage a wide range of reading, students must read books they haven't previously read for the four required points. All books listed are the *unabridged* editions.

Since some books are read throughout our curriculum, students should refrain from reading from the Reserved Book List for English classes they have not yet taken. This will avoid frustration for both student and teacher when those books are read in class. However, if students read a book from the Reserved List that they previously studied in class (at least one year ago), they will receive summer reading points. Parents are strongly encouraged to read from this list as well, to better familiarize themselves with the books their children will be reading throughout the school year. Book lists for each grade level, as well as the Reserved Book list, can be found on the school's website.

www.pccs.org/parents-students-alumni/secondary-class-resources/

Required Summer Reading: 4 Points

For summer reading, we are not requiring that any specific titles be read. Instead, **we are asking each student to read books totaling at least 4 points**. Students are encouraged to read from the recommended book list, though they may read any grade-appropriate book they choose as long as parents have given approval (see below for the point values of books). **Keep track of your titles** as you read this summer (see the website to print a blank list to record the books you read this summer).

- **Honors English**: You will have a required title to read during the summer. This title WILL count toward the required points and for totals for house competition and prizes at fall retreat.

House Points and Fall Retreat

Point values are awarded from books you read from your grade-level reading list, or from lists above your grade level. Each book on the list has a minimum value of 2 points. Some books are worth more than two points, due to the content or length of the book. **Any book you read this summer NOT from the list under 250 pages** is worth 1 point, and any book **over 250 pages** is worth 2 points (assuming grade and content appropriate).

Students will submit their summer reading list (signed by student and parent) to their first period teacher the first week back in September. **Summer reading is worth 20 points in English and will be the first assignment of the first trimester** (see below for more information on this assignment). Summer reading for secondary students will be used for three incentive programs:

1. House Competition

Summer reading is the first House competition. An average point value will be calculated by house, and house points awarded for 1st through 6th place. For the house reading points, no student may represent more than **30% of the total points** for his/her house (see more info in the Q and A section).

2. Prizes at Secondary Retreat

Prizes will be given to individual students based on the number of points accumulated during summer reading. Prizes include things like food, candy, and gift cards (Amazon, Target, etc.).

3. Pizza Lunch for 50+ Points

In the past some students have so embraced the challenge of summer reading that they exceed 50 points worth of reading material. To celebrate this achievement any student earning 50 or more points will be invited to join the members of the English department to a pizza lunch upon returning to school to discuss several of those books randomly chosen by the teachers. In order to participate meaningfully in that discussion, please keep notes in your books or in a notebook to help you recall the salient points of the novel including how and when main characters change and why, striking imagery you can share with others, things that surprised, delighted, or challenged you from the book. Brief notes are fine as long as they help trigger your memory of what you have read over the summer. We are excited about adding this fun element to the summer reading and hope we will have many students join us for this post summer-reading wrap up.

Questions and Answers

- *Is summer reading graded?*

Yes. Simply submit your signed summer reading list (with at least 4 points) by the due date below and you will earn 20/20 on the first literature assignment for the first trimester. Forms not turned in by the end of the first week will be treated as any other late assignment. In composition class, you may be asked to write about one of the books you read in the summer.

- *What happens if I don't submit a form, or submit my form without a parent signature?*

To earn your 20 points (out of 20) on your first English assignment, you must submit a signed form by **Friday, September 9**. Only forms with a signature from both student and parent will count toward the house points.

- *How are the summer reading points calculated per house?*

Because houses have different numbers of students, the total points will be divided by the number of students per house for a final average per person. For example, if you have 20 people in your house and the combined total of the points is 189, your average per person is 15.75. Remember that the maximum percentage that any one person may contribute to your overall total is 30%.

- *What if I only completed a portion of a book but didn't finish it?*

Go ahead and write in the number of pages you read. Partial points *may* be given by the CESR (Committee for Equality in Summer Reading).

- *Does reading the Bible count toward points?*

The four required points should be from non-Bible reading. After the first four points, every 40 Bible chapters will count as 1 point. (Remember the Bible Reading Challenge as you continue in your Bible reading this summer: read through the Bible in 2022 and you will be treated to lunch with Mr. Evans).

- *What if I read a book not on the recommended list that I think is worth more than 2 points?*

If you read a book not on the list that you feel should be worth more, please let Mr. Evans know via email and he will bring it to CESR. In your email please include the title and author of the book and the number of pages, and the CESR will get back to you as soon as possible.