

JONES HIGH SCHOOL Summer Reading Requirements 2011-2012 School year

Title	Author	Lexile and pages	Brief description
Sula	Toni Morrison	1050L, 192 p.	Sula revolves around the relationship between two little girls growing up in a poor, black neighborhood nestled high in the hilltops. The town is brimming with eccentric residents but sadly deprived of human warmth. However, out of this bitter, abrasive environment grows a beautiful friendship between Sula and Nel.
Solomon	Marilyn B. Shaw	870L, 208 p.	Eleven year old Solomon Freeman and his parents, newly freed slaves, are building a homestead in north Florida's wilderness, living their dream of independence.
The Book Thief	Markus Zusak	730L, 576 p.	Death himself narrates the World War II-era story of Liesel from the time she is taken, at age nine, to live in Molching, Germany, with a foster family. The child arrives having just stolen her first book, before she is able to read.
Taken	Edward Bloor	640L, 256 p.	Set 30 years in the future, after a World Credit Crash, 13 year-old Charity Meyers, lives with her father, and her stepmother, a noxious vidscreen personality. Despite all precautions taken, Charity is kidnapped on New Year's Day 2036...
Imaginary Enemy	Julie Gonzalez	Grades 6-9, 256 p.	Instead of an imaginary friend, Jane White has an imaginary enemy to whom she writes letters whenever she needs to vent her frustrations. She begins in second grade and ends when she is an 11th grader.
The Color of Water	James McBride	1240L, 352 p.	<i>The Color of Water</i> tells the remarkable story of Ruth McBride Jordan, the two good men she married, and the 12 good children she raised. It is a success story. Ruth Jordan battled racism and poverty to raise her children and, despite being tested, never wavered. <i>The Color of Water</i> addresses racial identity with compassion, insight, and realism.
Trouble	Gary Schmidt	930L, 300 p.	This book is the story of an upper class New England family's privileged life colliding with prejudices against immigrants after a tragic accident. Franklin is hit and killed by a pickup truck driven by Chay, a Cambodian student in Franklin's prep school. Chay is not sent to jail, and racial tensions are sparked.
Candor	Pam Bachorz	350L, 272 p.	In the model community of Candor, Florida, every teen wants to be like Oscar Banks. But Oscar has a secret. He knows that parents bring their teens to Candor to make them respectful, compliant—perfect—through subliminal messages.
I Am J	Cris Beam	Grades 9-12, 352 p.	J has always identified himself as a boy, but he was born genetically female. He runs away to find a place where he can be himself and be accepted.
You Killed Wesley Payne	Sean Beaudoin	Grades 9-12, 368 p.	Teenage Dalton Rev is a private eye sent to a high school to find out what really happened to Wesley Payne.
The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins	810L, 384 p.	Set in the post-apocalyptic country of Panem, which demands a tribute from each of its territories: two children to be used as gladiators in a televised fight to the death. Katniss offers to take the place of her sister in the Hunger Games, but she is focused on survival at any cost.
Before I Fall	Lauren Oliver	Grades 9-12, 480 p.	Popular and rich, Sam never worried about how her behavior affected others. After she dies in a car accident, she is forced to relive the last day of her life. Will she be able to fix her mistakes?

Requirements and Directions:

Grades 9-12, REGULAR English (this includes ALL magnet programs, but NOT AP or IB Junior and Seniors)

Read any TWO of the books on the list and be prepared to PROVE in writing that you have read them by the first day of school.

- You are NOT required to take notes or write a report, but you WILL be tested on the book. It may help to make notes about favorite passages, characters, or quotes.

ALL HONORS students, Grades 9-12 (this INCLUDES MYP students, but does NOT INCLUDE IB Juniors and Seniors, nor AP Juniors or Seniors)

IN ADDITION to the above assignment, you are REQUIRED to read either:

- Dreams of My Father or The Audacity of Hope, both by Barack Obama
- OR you may read any other presidential autobiography or memoir
- For this assignment, keep a dialectical journal of at least 30 entries. Focus on quoting passages that demonstrate unique challenges the person faced, the effect those challenges had on their self image and their goals for the future. Next to each quote, write your own comment.

MYP/IB students are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to read:

- Educating the Global Citizen by George Walker
- You may read this FREE e-book INSTEAD OF one of your choices from the list above, but you MUST still read the presidential autobiography or memoir and ONE book from the list.

Additional details:

- Every high school in this county requires summer reading. No matter where you come from, you will not be excused from this requirement.
- The test for this reading will take place during the FIRST WEEK of school.
- You will need to locate and secure the books on your own. We do not provide them.
- AP and IB students at the Junior and Senior level have different requirements and will need to see their respective teachers.