

NEWTON SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT • SUMMER READING 2008

All students should read *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury. In addition, each student should read TWO books of her or his choice. An annotated list of suggested books by grade level is available on the Newton South Library website at www.newton.k12.ma.us/nshs/library/. The additional reading requirements for upper-class honors and Advanced Placement courses are listed below.

At the beginning of the school year, students will be asked to consider, discuss, and respond to the books verbally and in written form. A summer reading examination is commonly given. Students should be prepared to bring either the books or detailed notes, or both, to class sometime during the first weeks of school. A **reading guide** is available on the reverse of this sheet.

ADDITIONAL READING REQUIREMENTS:

Students entering **Honors Sophomore English** should read *Cat's Cradle*, by Kurt Vonnegut, and *Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel, in addition to the requirements above.

Students entering **Honors Junior English** should read *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain, and *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, by Harriet Beecher Stowe, in addition to *Fahrenheit 451*.

Students entering **Honors Senior British Literature** should read *The Spanish Tragedy*, by Thomas Kyd, in addition to the requirements above.

Students entering **AP English Literature** are required to read *All The King's Men*, by Robert Penn Warren, and *Atonement*, by Ian McEwan, and should be prepared to compare the two works during the first week of school. Students should also read *Fahrenheit 451*.

Students entering **AP English Language** should read *Fahrenheit 451* and will have separate additional requirements available from the instructor, brian_baron@newton.k12.ma.us.

Have a great summer and read, read, read!