

Summer Reading List for the Class of 2021!
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Welcome new ninth graders! I look forward to meeting you in the fall and traveling through our exciting year together!

Ninth grade is an exploration of literary *genres* or different types of literature. We will study short fiction, drama, poetry, memoir, novels and so much more. We will work on refining our critical reading and writing skills so that you leave ninth grade feeling confident in your abilities to analyze literature on a scholarly level. There will also be plenty of opportunities to write creatively so that you find your own wonderful voice.

Over the summer, please read all of the works listed below. The first novel is on the longer side, but do not fret! It is a beautiful story and I am sure you will love it! The short works can be found online in PDF versions online. You are also more than welcome to read the novels as e-readers. I try to ensure that your reading experience is as enjoyable as it can possibly be so I do my best to choose texts that you will appreciate!

There is also a podcast from a show on NPR called “The Moth” that I’ve included for your listening enjoyment. Please use this link to access it:
<https://themoth.org/stories/a-man-of-peace>

Be an attentive and thorough reader! You will have writing assignments and tests based on the works when you arrive.

Novels:

A Prayer for Owen Meany
By: John Irving

Does My Head Look Big In This?
By: Randa Abel-fattah

Podcast:

“A Man of Peace”
By: Shaykh Dr. Muhammad Umar-Al Qadri

Short Fiction:

“Everyday Use”
By: Alice Walker

“I Stand Here Ironing”
By: Tillie Olsen