

Summer Reading List for the Class of 2020!

Welcome new ninth graders! I look forward to meeting you in the fall and traveling through our exciting year together!

Ninth grade is a survey 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 short works can be found online and I have included the websites for you. You are also more than welcome to read the novel and the memoir as e-readers.

You will have assignments and tests based on the works when you arrive.

Novel:

The Night Circus
By Erin Morgenstern

Memoir:

The Color of Water
By: James McBride

Short Works:

Essay
“My Father’s Brain”
By: Jonathan Franzen

PDF:

http://frederickwm.weebly.com/uploads/1/1/6/8/11687708/my_fathers_brain_w_hat_alzheimers_takes_awa.pdf

“Everyday Use”
By: Alice Walker
Short Fiction

PDF:

<https://www.deanza.edu/faculty/leonardamy/Everyday%20Use.pdf>

