

BHS American Literature and Composition (11th Grade)

The BHS Summer Reading Program is designed to allow students to continue to develop their reading comprehension skills during the summer months.

Students will complete a Study Guide for each of their Summer Reading books – one for all students and TWO for HONORS students. Students who have COMPLETED the Study Guide(s) will be able to use it (them) during the Formal Assessment over the book(s) to be administered on Monday, August 9. The Formal Assessment will include objective questions plus a short essay. Students will also turn in the completed Study Guide(s) for a grade; Study Guides must be turned in on Monday, August 9.

Students in the standard-level class should read one of the books below (and complete a Study Guide).

Students in the honors-level class will read TWO books (and complete TWO Study Guides). Those students should read the required honors-level book (*The Crucible*) and then choose one of the other five books. Honors-level students will also take an objective test over their two books, write an essay, and submit Study Guides on Monday, August 9.

NOTE: These assignments DO NOT APPLY to students enrolled in AP English Language (11th Grade) or AP English Literature (12th Grade).

American Literature (11th Grade) – ALL STUDENTS – Choose One

- ***The Color of Water* – James McBride**
 - James McBride shares the story of his mother's life and complicated racial identity which he only learned after becoming an adult. He tells of her infancy in Poland as the daughter of an Orthodox Jewish rabbi, her childhood in small-town Virginia, her move to Harlem at the age of eighteen, her marriage to an African-American man, her achievements as a wife and mother to twelve children, and her refusal to ever admit she is white.
- ***The Glass Menagerie* – Tennessee Williams**
 - Amanda, a faded Southern belle, abandoned wife, and dominating mother, hopes to match her daughter Laura with an eligible "gentleman caller" while her son Tom supports the family. Laura, lame and painfully shy, evades her mother's schemes and reality by retreating to the make-believe world of her glass animal collection.
- ***The Devil Wears Prada* – Laura Weisberger**
 - The author, a former assistant to the editor-in-chief of *Vogue*, fictionalizes her experiences in this novel about a small-town girl who goes to work for a New York-based magazine called *Runway*.
- ***Tuesdays with Morrie* – Mitch Albom**
 - The author, an alumnus of Brandeis University, recounts his meetings with a former professor who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease.
- ***Ender's Game* – Orson Scott Card**
 - Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against deadly aliens that will determine the future of the human race.

Honors American Literature (11th Grade) – Required for HONORS

- ***The Crucible* – Arthur Miller**
 - Against the backdrop of the 17th century Salem witch trials, Abigail exacts revenge against her married lover's wife by claiming that the two of them are witches.

This information and the Study Guide will be posted on the BHS website.
<http://www.bufordcityschools.org/bhs/home.html>