

BHS 9th Grade Literature and Composition

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 Hunger Games*) 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).

9th Grade – ALL STUDENTS – Choose One / HONORS STUDENTS – Read the required book and choose one more.

- ***The Hunger Games* – Suzanne Collins (Required for HONORS)**
 - Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.
- ***The Glass Castle* – Jeanette Walls**
 - The author recalls her life growing up in a dysfunctional family with an alcoholic father and distant mother and describes how she and her siblings had to fend for themselves until they finally found the resources and will to leave home.
- ***The Secret Life of Bees* – Sue Monk Kidd**
 - Fourteen-year-old Lily and her companion, Rosaleen, an African-American woman who has cared for Lily since her mother's death ten years earlier, flee their home after Rosaleen is victimized by racist police officers. They find a safe haven in Tiburon, South Carolina, at the home of three beekeeping sisters, May, June, and August.
- ***Speak* – Laurie Anderson**
 - A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.
- ***Forged by Fire* – Sharon Draper**
 - Gerald, a teenager who has spent years protecting his fragile half-sister from their abusive father, must face the prospect of one final confrontation before the problem can be solved.

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