Downingtown Area School District
Summer Reading 2019
Assignment for Students Entering Grade 12

Level One and Two Students:

- Read one grade level, school appropriate book that is not a grade-level core text (see list below).

- This book must not be a book that you have previously read.

- For book suggestions, try
  - ALA Awards
  - ALA YALSA Outstanding Books
  - ALA Printz Award Winners
  - Barnes and Noble Best Nonfiction for Teens
  - Chester County Reading Olympics
  - Ask an English teacher or librarian if you have questions about a specific text.

- You will receive the assignment for the work when you return to school in the fall.

- As you read, annotate the text (use Post it notes) observing such literary elements as characterization, setting, tone, and theme. These notes will be useful for your assignment.

Honors students:

- After reading one grade level, school appropriate book of your choice, also read both

  *The Narrative of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave* by Frederick Douglass

  **Summary:** The memoir of one of the first nationally known and respected African-American activists, writers, and thinkers. Douglass was born into slavery and bought his freedom as an adult. He had learned to read and write, and appeared to be so cultured and educated that many people were skeptical that he had ever been a slave. He wrote his memoir in part to disabuse these doubters, giving first-hand descriptions of slavery in America. (Summary of *The Narrative of Frederick Douglass* taken from Amazon.com)

  *AND*

  *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac

  **Summary:** An American classic, *On the Road* swings to the rhythms of fifties underground America, jazz, generosity, and chill dawns as Kerouac develops his voice and searches for a place as an outside in America.**Parental Warning: Sexual Content**

  (Summary of *On the Road* taken from Amazon.com)

12th Grade Core Texts (Please do not choose these selections for summer reading)

*1984* by George Orwell  
*Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold  
*Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison  
*Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse  
*Macbeth* by Shakespeare  
*In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote  
*Hamlet* by Shakespeare