

2010 Summer Reading
Grades 9-12

Freshman

New and returning students entering 9th grade are to read *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck.

Sophomores

New and returning students entering 10th grade are to read *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan.

Juniors

Returning students entering 11th grade are to read the novel they chose and had approved before the completion of the school year.

New students entering 11th grade are to read *1984* by George Orwell.

Seniors

Returning students entering 12th grade are to complete all of their reading for *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.

New students entering 12th grade are to read *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding and also be familiar with *Moby Dick*, doing as much background and reading as possible before the start of school.

All high school students

Along with the assigned reading, students enrolled for the fall semester will be responsible for completely annotating and marking literary devices throughout the novels for the appropriate grade level. Any reader observations and comments should also be noted in the margins and on blank spaces within the book itself. The completed reading, annotations, and commentary will be due on the first day of school. Rule of thumb: students should mark and comment on things useful for discussion purposes and major ideas for writing purposes, along with the literary devices such as theme, symbol, motif, foreshadowing, irony, tone, imagery, narrative technique, simile, metaphor, and diction.

Students enrolling at NCA after July 20 will be introduced to his/her English teacher to discuss the assigned reading.