

## HPHS REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

With summer fast approaching, we look forward to a well-deserved change in routine. However, the routine of reading should not diminish. Reading is not only a pleasure, but it also expands critical reading and thinking skills. The English Department strives to provide literature choices to focus on these skills that enable our students to become lifelong learners and literate citizens, increasing their proficiency to interact with multi-level texts.

To that end, summer reading is a requirement for all English courses at Highland Park High School. No matter the course, students should prepare by reading and annotating their books in the anticipation of discussions, assignments, and objective assessments beginning the first week of school in August 2017.

### Summer Reading Selections

English 1 Standard: Free Choice

English 1 Pre-AP: Choice of two: *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* OR *The Secret Life of Bees*

English 1 TaG: Choice of two: *The Alchemist* OR *The Book Thief*

English 2 Standard: Free Choice

English 2 Pre-AP: *Lord of the Flies*

English 2 TaG: *Lord of the Flies*

English 3 Standard: *Outliers*

English 3 AP: *Outliers*

English 3 TaG: *Excellent Sheep*

English 4 Standard: *Grendel*

English 4 AP: *The Poisonwood Bible*

English 4 TaG: *The Poisonwood Bible*

Text rationales for each of these titles are available in the English Department section on the HPHS website in the Literary Works catalog:

<http://hphsweb.hpsid.org/Departments/AcademicDepartments/English.aspx>