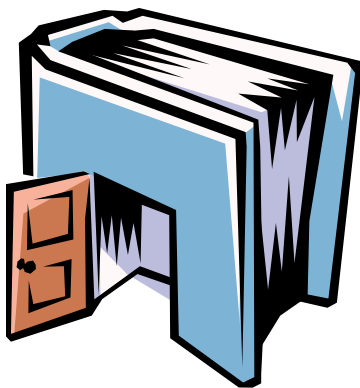




# **SOPHOMORE WORLD LITERATURE**



## **SUMMER READING**

### **DIRECTIONS**

The following list includes titles of books from around the world and throughout the ages. In preparation for the Sophomore literature classes, please read the following title:

Alvarez, Julia.

#### **IN THE TIME OF THE BUTTERFLIES.**

The fictionalized account of the four Mirabel sisters who lived in the Dominican Republic under the dictatorship of General Trujillo.

This book will be used as a basis for discussion and writing during the first days in the Fall.

In addition, each student is required to read one title of her choice from this list.

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## NOVELS

Allende, Isabel.

### **CITY OF BEASTS.**

Fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold joins his grandmother for an Amazon adventure where he meets Nadia. The two are kidnapped by the "People of the Mist" when their concerns for the safety of the native peoples come to a climax.

Alvarez, Julia.

### **HOW THE GARCIA GIRLS LOST THEIR ACCENTS.**

Four sisters and their parents flee the Dominican Republic and try to fit into the American scene.

Crew, Linda.

### **CHILDREN OF THE RIVER.**

Sundara fled Cambodia and the Khymer Rouge four years ago with her aunt. She tries to fit into American teen life activities while she desperately await news of the fates of her own parents and siblings.

Danticat, Edwidge.

### **KRIK? KRAK!**

Nine stories that tell of the cruelties endured and the power of imagination which allows the Haitian women and children to overcome their conditions and reach out in hope for escape.

Dickens, Charles.

### **A TALE OF TWO CITIES.**

The lives of Alexander Manette and his daughter, Lucie, and those of Charles Darnay and Sydney Carton become entangled during the French Revolution.

Doyle, Arthur C.

### **SHERLOCK HOLMES: SELECTED STORIES.**

The brilliant, analytical detective Sherlock Holmes and his friend Dr. Watson put Scotland Yard to shame as they outwit the villainous Moriarty.

Emecheta, Buchi.

### **DESTINATION BIAFRA.**

Set in the late 1960's in Nigeria, this novel tells of Debbie Ogedemgbe, daughter of a corrupt Nigerian government official, who defies her parents by joining the army.

Erdrich, Louise.

### **LOVE MEDICINE, A NOVEL.**

This Native American author tells the story of the intertwined fate of the Kashpaws and the Lamartines near a North Dakota reservation from 1934 to 1984.

Hemingway, Ernest.

### **THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA.**

The very old and the very young celebrate supreme courage in a sea story.

McCullers, Carson.

### **THE MEMBER OF THE WEDDING.**

Frankie's brother is married, and she decides to go on the honeymoon. The power of children to forget pain and loss is a theme.

Orwell, George.

### **ANIMAL FARM.**

An allegory satirizing communism in the takeover of the farm by Farmer Jones' animals.

Renault, Mary.

### **MASK OF APOLLO.**

Nikeratos, a tragic actor, takes the mask on his journeys in 4th century Greece. It serves as a mascot and quickly becomes his conscience as he makes decisions when he finds himself in the middle of political intrigue.

Richter, Conrad.

### **THE SEA OF GRASS.**

A woman leaves her husband and children and life on a huge cattle ranch to return to the city. Years later she comes back the ranch and the man who loves her.

Sanders, Dori.

### **CLOVER.**

After her father dies within hours of being married to a white woman, a ten-year-old black girl and her new mother learn to overcome grief and to adjust to a new place in their rural black South Carolina community.

## BIOGRAPHY

Staples, Suzanne Fisher.

### **HAVELI.**

In this sequel to "Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind," Shabanu has married a much older man and has become a victim in the family feud and is victim to the malice of her husband's other wives.

Steinbeck, John.

### **THE PEARL.**

The discovery of a great pearl and its subsequent loss parallels the life of a small family written as a parable, or a deeply affecting story of very real lives.

Tan, Amy.

### **THE JOY LUCK CLUB.**

Four old Chinese immigrant women meet to play mah jong, calling the group the Joy Luck Club. Set in San Francisco in the late 1950's, this story tells of their memories over the past forty years.

Angelou, Maya.

### **I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS, A BIOGRAPHY.**

This dazzling and graceful portrait of the childhood and adolescence of a black woman is the first in a series of remembrances by actress and poet Angelou.

Herriot, James.

### **ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL.**

A rookie veterinarian reconciles theories learned in school with his real-life experiences in rural England.

Keller, Helen.

### **THE STORY OF MY LIFE.**

This remarkable deaf and blind woman became an outstanding citizen of her country and of the world, as well as an author who inspired millions with her story.

King, Martin Luther, Jr.

### **LET THE TRUMPET SOUND: THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR..**

by Stephen Oates.

This recounts the life story of the man whose nonviolent protests against racial discrimination began the Civil Rights Movement and helped to strike down two centuries of segregation.

Mah, Adeline Yen.

### **FALLING LEAVES.**

A physician, tells her story of growing up in China where as an unwanted child she was driven to succeed in school and eventually achieve freedom and a new life.

Mahmoody, Betty.

### **NOT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTER.**

Betty tells of her marriage to an Iranian student, her trip to visit his family in Iran with its frightening cultural experience, and her subsequent escape back to America with her daughter.

## DRAMA

Mathabane, Mark,

### **KAFFIR BOY: THE TRUE STORY OF A BLACK YOUTH'S COMING OF AGE IN APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA.**

Mathabane describes his life growing up in a nonwhite ghetto outside Johannesburg and how he escaped its horrors. Hard work and faith in education played key roles. He eventually won a tennis scholarship to an American university .

McCourt, Frank.

### **ANGELA'S ASHES, A MEMOIR.**

Born to Irish immigrants during the Depression, the author tells of the family's return to Ireland and the affliction brought on by the starvation and squalor in a Limerick slum.

Mortenson, Greg and David Oliver Relin.

### **THREE CUPS OF TEA.**

After being rescued off of K2, the author's entire life focus changed to a one man mission to fight ignorance and terrorism by building one school at a time in the small remote villages of Pakistan.

Santiago, Esmerelda.

### **WHEN I WAS PUERTO RICAN.**

The author tells of growing up in the tropical splendor of Puerto Rico amid parental conflicts and the subsequent immigration to Brooklyn with its squalor and concludes with her audition for New York's High School for Performing Arts.

Teresa, Mother.

### **SUCH A VISION OF THE STREET.**

by Eileen Eagan.

A peace activist recounts Mother Teresa's life from her childhood in Albania to her world-famous Nobel Prize-winning activities as a hard-working nun with the poorest of the poor.

Woods, Donald.

### **BIKO.**

Woods tells the story of the life, imprisonment, and unsatisfactory inquest into the death of Steven Biko, the charismatic black South African leader.

Shakespeare, William M.

### **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.**

A play is to be written and performed for the marriage of Theseus, Duke of Athens and Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons. When the actors gather in the woods outside the city to rehearse, the fairies were there also. Thus begins the romantic comedy about lovers who are not responsible for their actions as love makes them irrational.

## NON-FICTION

Hersey, John.

### **HIROSHIMA.**

This is an account of the dropping of an atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945 from the viewpoints of the people who lived through it. New editions add a final chapter with a fifty year retrospective.