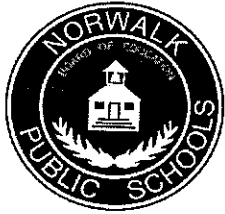

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**Secondary
Summer
Reading**



All Readers. All Writers.
All the Time.

Directions (For Complete Satisfaction)

- **Please consult with your English teachers for appropriate selections at your grade level.**
- Read a minimum of one selection from this reading list.
- *Have fun reading your book!* Please come with an open mind and a willingness to respond to the questions and thoughts of others.
- Receive extra credit towards your homework grade! (Start school strong)

Poetry

The Complete Collected Poems*Angelou*
I Too Sing America*Clinton*
Frenchtown Summer *Cormier*
Shimmy, Shimmy, Shimmy Like
My Sister Kate*Giovanni*
Jump Ball: A Basketball Season in Poems*Glenn*
Running Back to Ludie*Johnson*
Brimstone Journals *Koertge*
Earth, Air, Fire and Water*McCullough*
Quiet Storm: Voices of Young Black Poets *Okutoro*
What My Mother Doesn't Know*Sones*
Girl Coming in for a Landing *Wayland*

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Eragon *Paolini*
Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.....*Adams*
The Crystal Cave.....*Stewart*
The Once & Future King.....*White*
The Dispossessed.....*LeGuin*
Restaurant at the End of the Universe.....*Adams*
Angel Experiment.....*Patterson*

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Contemporary Fiction

The House of Spirits *Allende*
Catalyst*Anderson*
The Year of the Hangman*Blackwood*
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*Brashares*
All That Remains *Brooks*
Gingerbread*Cohn*
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*Crutcher*
Farming the Bones*Danticut*
Tell It to Naomi*Ehrenhaft*
Fat Kid Rules the World*Going*
Bronx Masquerade *Grimes*
Farewell to Manzanar*Houston*
The Known World *Jones*
Alice, I Think *Juby*
Saying Goodbye*Lee*
Zenzele: A Letter to My Daughter *Maraire*
A Mango-Shaped Space *Mass*
Spindle's End*McKinley*
Shooter *Myers*
A Step from Heaven*Na*
The Other Side of Truth*Naidoo*
Caucasia*Senna*
Buried Onions *Soto*
The Gospel According to Larry*Tashjian*
So Yesterday*Westerfield*
Hush *Woodson*
Fighting Ruben Wolfe*Zusak*
Snow Crash.....*Stephenson*

Sports

- It's Not About the Bike.....*Armstrong*
Babe Didrikson.....*Schoor*
Drive: the Story of My Life.....*Bird & Ryan*
Father Water, Mother Woods.....*Paulsen*
Training a Tiger..... *Woods*
Friday Night Lights: a Town.....*Bissinger*
In these Girls, Hope is a Muscle. *Blais*
Curt Flood, Camden Yards, Pete Rose and other
Reflections on Baseball.....*Will*
Paper Lion.....*Plimpton*
A Walk in the Woods.....*Bryson*
A False Spring.....*Jordan*
Seabiscuit.....*Hillenbrand*
Shooter *Myers*

History

- War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence
from American Wars *Carroll, ed.*
Troy *Gerar*
Amistad.....*Pate*
Stone Heart: A Novel of Sacajawea *Glancy*
The Great Riots of NY 1712 to 1873*Headley*
America in 1492:The World of Indian
Peoples*Josephy*
Jefferson's Children: *Lanier*
Poets of World War II *Shapiro, ed.*
A Distant Mirror:*Tuchman*
The Day the World Exploded:
August 27, 1883 *Winchester*

Adult Reads

- Gone With the Wind.....*Mitchell*
Bleachers.....*Grisham*
The Five People You Meet in Heaven.....*Albom*
Hard Times.....*Dickens*
The Fountainhead.....*Rand*
John Adams.....*McCullough*
Kite Runner.....*Hosseini*
Angela's Ashes.....*McCourt*



Biography and Autobiography

- Shipwrecked at the Bottom..... *Armstrong*
China's Son *Chen*
The Pact*Davis et al.*
Kick Me *Feig*
Bound for the North Star *Fradlin*
Hole in My Life *Gantos*
Barrio Boy*Galarza*
Vincent Van Gogh *Greenberg*
Louisa May*Johnston*
King James: Believe the Hype*Jones*
Into Thin Air *Kralkauer*
No Pretty Pictures*Lobel*
The Greatest: Muhammad Ali *Myers*
Bad Boy *Myers*

Mystery

- Murder on the Orient Express *Christie*
Remember Me*Clark*
The Rag and Bone Shop *Cormier*
The Hound of the Baskervilles *Doyle*
The Eyre Affair*Fforde*
The Green Mile *King*
Zazoo *Mosher*
Murder at Bertram's Bower*Peale*
The Body of Christopher Creed*Plum-Ucci*
So Yesterday*Westerfield*

Life Beyond Connecticut

- Green City in the Sun.....*Wood*
Memoirs of a Geisha.....*Golden*
(Explicit material. Parental approval suggested)
Annie John..... *Kincaid*
Kite Runner..... *Hosseini*
Little X. *Tate*
Chinese Cinderella.....*Yen Mah*
Gathering of Old Men.....*Gaines*

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Books Loved by Norwalk Teachers

Buried Onions.....Soto
 Cut.....McCormick
 Define "Normal".....Peters
 Fat Chance.....Newman
 Geeks.....Katz
 House of the Scorpion.....Farmer
 Outside Shot.....Myers
 Scribbler of Dreams.....Pearson
 Spite Fences.....Krisher
 The Whale Rider.....Ihimaera
 A Blessing Over Ashes.....Fifeld
 Couldn't Keep It To Myself.....Lamb
 Crystal.....Myers
 Dancing On The Edge.....Nolan
 Gifted Hands.....Carson
 How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents....Alvarez
 Planet Janet.....Sheldon
 Rock Star Superstar.....Nelson
 Something Wicked This Way Comes.....Bradbury
 10th Grade.....Weisberg
 A Confederacy of Dunces.....Toole
 Almost A Woman.....Santiago
 Breaking Ranks.....Randle
 Carmelo.....Cisneros
 Kissing Doorknobs.....Hesser
 So Yesterday.....Westerfeld
 Swallowing Stones.....McDonald
 The Big Empty.....Stephens
 Theories of Relativity.....Haworth-Attard

Books Loved by Norwalk Teachers, cont.

Bodega Dreams.....Quinonez
 Can't Get There From Here.....Strasser
 Catalyst.....Anderson
 Dean Duffy.....Powell
 Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey.....Haddix
 Imitate the Tiger.....Cheripko
 Rats Saw God.....Thomas
 She's Come Undone.....Lamb
 The Rag and Bone Shop.....Cormier
 When I Was Puerto Rican.....Santiago



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People Who Love Math and Science

Innumeracy.....Paulos
 Hacker Cracker: a journey from mean streets of
 Brooklyn to the frontiers of cyberspace.....Nuwere
 The Double Helix.....Watson
 Being Digital.....Negreponce
 200% of Nothing.....Dewdney
 Rocket Boys.....Hickam
 Silent Spring.....Carson
 Brief History of Time.....Hawking

Just Great Reads!

The Tao of Pooh.....Hoff
 The Tipping Point.....Gladwell
 Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay...Chabon
 Junction Boys.....Dension



High School Summer 2009
Reader Response
For Incoming Students Grades 9 - 12

Please fill out and bring to school to get credit for summer reading. Be prepared to share great lines and thoughts about the book you read.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Book Title: _____

First Quote: (Choose a quote and explain what it means to the plot or message of the text)

Second Quote: (Choose a second quote and explain what it means to the plot or message of the text)

Notes for Sharing:
