

SOUTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
2015 SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

GRADE 9

That was a memorable day to me, for it made great changes in me. But, it is the same with any life. Imagine one selected day struck out of it, and think how different its course would have been. Pause you who read this, and think for a moment of the long chain of iron or gold, of thorns or flowers, that would never have bound you, but for the formation of the first link on one memorable day. — *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

All South Kingstown High School students are required to complete summer reading which will be assessed the first week of school. Students who are unsure about which book to select should consult with their librarian, English teacher, or reading specialist. Visit <http://hs.skschools.net/English/Summer Reading> for more information.

ENGLISH 9 — Select one (1) novel. There will be a TEST
(Bring your notes: they will count as part of your test grade!)

-  *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens (Classic)
-  *Maus I* by Art Spiegelman (Graphic Novel)
-  *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman (Fantasy)
-  *The Maze Runner* (Vol. 1 of *The Maze Runner Trilogy*) by James Dashner (Science Fiction)
-  *Swim That Rock* by John Rocco and Jay Primiano (Young Adult Fiction set in Rhode Island)
-  *Wolf Rider* by Avi (Mystery)

or, in memory of Lindsay Ann Burke,

-  *Breathing Underwater* by Alex Flinn (Contemporary)

HONORS ENGLISH 9 — Students must read the following:

-  *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens: **NOTES, TEST, AND ESSAY**

Assessment: 9th grade students will be assessed on their reading during the first days of school. The test will consist of 40 selected response questions (multiple choice, true/false, matching, and/or character identification). In addition, students are to collect at least nine quotations from the book, addressing the following prompt:

What important things does the main character learn about himself?

Record a **minimum of nine** relevant quotations from the novel (including chapter and page numbers) on a graphic organizer while you read. For each quotation, explain briefly how it relates to the prompt. Bring your list of quotations to your English class by the second day of school, as this will count as 20% of the summer reading assessment. A model quotation from *Swim That Rock* is on the graphic organizer below.

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Student Graphic Organizer for Required Summer Reading Essay
(Use the form on back, or create your own on another piece of paper.)

BOOK TITLE: *Swim That Rock* by John Rocco and Jay Primiano

QUOTATION	RELATIONSHIP OF QUOTATION TO PROMPT
"I suddenly realize I'm the captain of this boat right now. It's like the gold rush, and I can't wait to get the rake in the water" (194)	When Jake competes with more experienced captains for a prime quahogging spot, he realizes how responsible he has become.

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YOUR NAME: _____ **BOOK TITLE:** _____

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