

**BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY
SUMMER READING LIST 2009
CLASS III (GRADE 10)**

If you are seriously interested in S.A.T. scores above 500, the best thing you can do for yourself and your future is to read as much as possible this summer. Nothing else will prepare you as effectively or as pleasantly as reading.

The books on this list include mysteries, science fiction, romance, adventure, intrigue, and sports. There should be something for everyone.

You are required to read five books, **one required and four others of your own choosing**. Use this list to guide your choices, but feel free to use other lists, as well, such as those provided by your local library. Format your summer reading notes according the boxed outline on the right.

Required Reading: You must read at least one of these:

THE CATCHER IN THE RYE J. D. Salinger
FAHRENHEIT 451 Ray Bradbury

and four other books of your own choosing.

Outline
Title
author
setting (<i>time & place</i>)
major characters
brief summary
theme (<i>author's message</i>)
personal reaction

Multicultural/ Ethnic

THE FIRST PART LAST (*Afro-Am*)
RAINBOW JORDAN (*Afro-Am*)
CHRONICLE OF A DEATH FORETOLD
WOMAN HOLLERING CREEK (*short stories, Mexican-Am*)
THE AFTERLIFE (*Mexican-Am*)
SIDDHARTHA (*Indian mysticism, fiction*)
THE JOY LUCK CLUB (*Chinese-Am*)
BLESS ME, ULTIMA (*Mexican-Am*)

Angela Johnson
Alice Childress
Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Sandra Cisneros
Gary Soto
Herman Hesse
Amy Tan
Rudolfo A. Anaya

Mystery

REBECCA
DEAD HEAT
THE DUTCH BLUE ERROR
EARLY AUTUMN
THE BLESSING WAY
I'LL BE SEEING YOU
LETHAL INVASION
A STUDY IN SCARLET

Daphne DuMaurier
Linda Barnes
William Tapley
Robert Parker
Tony Hillerman
Mary Higgins Clark
Robin Cook
Arthur Conan Doyle

Historical Themes

CALL THE DARKNESS LIGHT (*Lowell Mills, Women*)
WOLF BY THE EARS (*Afro-Am slavery*)
47 (*Afro-Am historical fiction*)
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER (*Titanic, non-fiction*)
MILA 18 (*Holocaust historical fiction*)
THE ROAD HOME (*Viet Nam, Fiction*)
HEROES (*fiction, W.W.II*)

Nancy Zaroulis
Ann Rinaldi
Walter Mosley
Walter Lord
Leon Uris
Ellen Emerson White
Robert Cormier

Biographies/ Autobiographies

DEATH BE NOT PROUD (*bio – Leukemia*)
RUMOR OF WAR (*Viet Nam War*)

John Gunther
Philip Caputo

RED SCARF GIRL: A MEMOIR OF THE CULTURAL
REVOLUTION (*China*)

A SMALL PLACE (*autobiography*)

ALMOST A WOMAN (*autobiography*)

WOMAN WARRIOR (*autobiography*)

HIS PROMISED LAND: The Autobiography of
John P. Parker, Former Slave and Conductor
of the Underground Railroad

SOMETHING FOR JOEY (*bio, leukemia*)

Sports

A SEASON ON THE BRINK (*basketball*)

THE BRAVE (*Afro-Am boxing*)

Young Adult Themes

MY SISTER'S KEEPER (*illness & independence*)

THERE ARE NO CHILDREN HERE (*Non-Fic, poverty*)

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL (*animals, non-fiction*)

THE TERRIBLE HOURS (*sea, non-fiction*)

THREE FATES (*adventure*)

LUCAS (*England, fiction*)

A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN

CAT'S EYE (*Women painters, Canada*)

RIGHT BY MY SIDE (*social issues*)

THE SEA WOLF (*adventure*)

Fantasy

THE CRYSTAL CAVE

THE EYRE AFFAIR

THE WELL OF LOST PLOTS

THE WITCH IN THE WOOD

ERAGON

Miscellaneous

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE (*sci-fi*)

FLATLAND (*non-fiction: math*)

Ji-Ji Jiang

Jamaica Kincaid

Esmeralda Santiago

Maxine Hong Kingston

John P. Parker

Richard Peck

John Feinstein

Robert Lipsyte

Jodi Picoult

Alex Kotlowitz

James Herriot

Peter Maas

Nora Roberts

Kevin Brooks

Betty Smith

Margaret Atwood

David Haynes

Jack London

Mary Stewart

Jasper Fforde

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T. H. White

Christopher Paolini

Robert Louis Stevenson

Edwin Abbott

PARENTAL SIGNATURE FORM

I verify that my son/daughter _____
has read the following books during the summer.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian