

Summer 2010

Required Reading List – Class of 2013

Students: You are required to read one asterisked book, one other from this list (with or without an asterisk), and one from the complete JBHS Summer Reading List, which you will receive in the mail before the end of the school year.

****The Power of One, Bryce Courtenay***

— Coming of age in South Africa.

REQUIRED FOR ADVANCED ENGLISH II

****The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd***

— Girl searches for answers about her mother in this story of race and family.

****In the Heart of the Sea, Nathaniel Philbrick***

— Well-researched fictionalization of the tragedy of the whaleship Essex.

A Lesson Before Dying, Ernest J. Gaines

— Human dignity prevails amidst unspeakable racism and injustice.

Firehouse, David Halberstam

— Stories of the thirteen firemen of Engine 40 on 9/11; non-fiction.

A Walk in the Woods, Bill Bryson

— Hiking the Appalachian Trail; non-fiction.

Lost Horizon, James Hilton

— Paradise discovered.

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, Junot Diaz

— Unlikely fantasy fiction hopeful.

Paddy Clarke, Ha Ha Ha, Roddy Doyle

— Be ten years old again, romping through life and a small Irish town.

The Cheating Culture, David Callahan

— “*Why More Americans Are Doing Wrong to Get Ahead*” — the subtitle says it all: cheating is evident in business, sports, education — everywhere; non-fiction.

You will find all the Reading Program letters, lists, and instructions on the JBHS “Summer Reading” eBoard. There are specialized reading requirements for students enrolled in Advanced English II. Course-specific information may be found in the curriculum area of the JBHS website.

Except where indicated, all selections are available in unabridged audio book format.