

**BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY
SUMMER READING LIST 2009
CLASS IV (GRADE 9)**

Welcome to Grade 9. In order to help you get off to a good start we are providing you with a summer reading list to encourage you to either develop or enrich your reading habits.

When you come to school in September, you must have read at least five books, the required novel and at least four additional books of your own choosing. Use this list to guide your choices, but feel free to use other lists, such as those provided by your local library. We want you to love to read and have fun reading.

Please bring your parental signature form with you on the first day of school. Format your summer reading notes according to the boxed outline on the right. Have a great summer full of books and adventure.

Outline
Title
author
chapter or section
summaries
theme (<i>author's message</i>)
personal reaction

Required Reading: How to Read Literature Like a Professor
By Thomas Foster

Multicultural/ Ethnic

DAKOTA DREAM (*Native American*)
WHEN I WAS PUERTO RICAN
RITE OF PASSAGE (*Afro-Am*)
CHINA BOY
FAMOUS ALL OVER TOWN (*Hispanic*)
THE GOOD EARTH (*Chinese*)
ANNIE JOHN (*Caribbean lit*)
THE AGUERO SISTERS (*Cuban*)

Mystery

SECRET, SILENT SCREAMS
DRIVING FORCE (*horse racing*)
THE SIGN OF THE FOUR
SIX GREAT SHERLOCK HOLMES STORIES
DON'T LOOK BEHIND YOU

Historical Themes

THE EAGLE OF THE NINTH
LETTERS OF A SLAVE GIRL, THE STORY OF HARRIET JACOBS
FALLEN ANGELS (*Depression*)
IRON AND SILK (*non-fiction, China*)
CAST TWO SHADOWS (*Am Rev*)
THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE
DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL (*non-fiction, Holocaust*)
IF I SHOULD DIE BEFORE I WAKE (*Holocaust*)
SOLDIER'S HEART (*Civil War*)

Young Adult Issues

BUMBLEBEE FLIES AWAY (*mental health*)
SQUASHED (*obesity*)
HANNAH IN BETWEEN (*alcoholism*)

James Bennett
Esmeralda Santiago
Richard Wright
Gus Lee
Danny Santiago
Pearl Buck
Jamaica Kincaid
Rita Williams-Garcia

Jean Lowry Nixon
Dick Francis
Arthur Conan Doyle
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Lois Duncan

Rosemary Sutcliff
Mary L. Lyons
Walter Dean Myers
Mark Salzman
Ann Rinaldi
Jim Haskins
Anne Frank
Han Nolan
Gary Paulsen

Robert Cormier
Joan Gaver
Colby Rodowsky

ORFE
WAY PAST COOL
PUDD'NHEAD WILSON (*classic*)
KEESHA'S HOUSE
THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW
ICE (*death*)
ROMEO AND JULIET - TOGETHER (AND ALIVE) AT LAST
SPLIT IMAGE (*espionage*)
SPEAK (*belonging*)

Science Fiction

THE LEFT HAND OF DARKNESS
2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY
Z FOR ZACHARIAH
BEFORE ADAM
TO SAY NOTHING OF THE DOG

Sports

THE CONTENDER (*boxing*)
I HAD A HAMMER (*baseball*)
IRON MAN (*triathlon*)

Biographies/ Autobiographies

WHAT MANNER OF MAN (*M.L. King Jr.*)
LONG WALK TO FREEDOM
ME ME ME ME ME: NOT A NOVEL

Miscellaneous

THE FANTASTIC FRESHMAN (*fantasy*)
CORALINE (*fantasy*)
TREASURE ISLAND (*adventure*)
ONE, TWO, THREE...INFINITY (*non-fiction: science*)

Cynthia Voigt
Jess Mowry
Mark Twain
Helen Frost
S .E. Hinton
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Avi
Michael French
Laurie Halse Anderson

Ursula LeGuin
Arthur C. Clarke
Robert O'Brien
Jack London
Connie Willis

Robert Lipsyte
Hank Aaron
Chris Crutcher

Lerone Bennett
Nelson Mandela
M. E. Kerr

Bill Brittain
Neil Gaiman
Robert Louis Stevenson
George Gamow

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

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