

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

Welcome to grade 9. We would like to help you get off to a good start. Since our most successful students are readers, we are providing you with a summer reading list to encourage you to either develop or enrich your reading habits.

Members of the English Department have compiled the following list of summer reading **for students who are entering Boston Latin Academy in the ninth grade.**

Please read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* and at least four novels from the list below.

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

**Required Reading:**

How to Read Literature Like a Professor	Thomas C. Foster
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD	Harper Lee
ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER	Mark Twain
I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS	Maya Angelou
JOHNNY TREMAIN	Esther Forbes
OLIVER TWIST	Charles Dickens
GREAT EXPECTATIONS	Charles Dickens
THE LORD OF THE FLIES	William Golding
THE COLOR OF WATER	James McBride

Outline
Title
Author
Setting (time & place)
Major characters
Brief summary
Theme (author's message)
Personal reaction

(over)

## PARENTAL SIGNATURE FORM

I verify that my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ has read the following books during the summer and has kept a journal of the readings.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian