

**BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY
SUMMER READING LIST 2009
CLASS 11 (GRADE 11)**

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. Use this list to guide your choices, but feel free to use other lists, as well, such as those provided by your local library.

By the time you report to school in September, you must have read at least five books, the required book and at least four others of your own choice. Format your summer reading notes according to the boxed outline on the right.

Required Reading: The Bonesetter's Daughter

Amy Tan

Outline
title
author
setting (<i>time & place</i>)
major characters
brief summary
theme
personal reaction

Multicultural/Ethnic

- SULA (*Afro-Am*)
- KAFFIR BOY (*Apartheid-South Africa*)
- HAVING OUR SAY (*Afro-Am*)
- QUENTINS (*Ireland*)
- HOW THE GARCIA GIRLS LOST THEIR ACCENTS
- THE COLOR PURPLE (*Afro-Am*)
- PARADISE OF THE BLIND (*Vietnamese*)
- A LESSON BEFORE DYING (*Afro-Am*)
- SHAMAN WINTER (book one of trilogy; *Mexican-Am*)
- RIO GRANDE FALL (book two of trilogy)
- ZIA SUMMER (book three of trilogy)
- BREATH, EYES, MEMORY (*Haitian*)
- THE NAMESAKE (*Indian-Am*)
- THE LANGUAGE OF THREADS (*China*)
- DREAMING OF WATER (*Japanese-Am*)
- SISTER OF MY HEART (*Indian-Am*)

- Toni Morrison
- Mark Mathabane
- Sara L. & A. Elizabeth Delany
- Maeve Binchy
- Julia Alvarez
- Alice Walker
- Duong Thu Huong
- Ernest Gaines
- Rudolfo Anaya
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- Edwidge Danticat
- Jhumpa Lahiri
- Gail Tsukiyama
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- Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

Mystery

- STARGAZY
- ICARUS AGENDA
- DEATH IN HOLY ORDERS
- A PAINTED HOUSE
- SHRINK WRAP
- T IS FOR TRESPASS
- ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE
- THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

- Martha Grimes
- Robert Ludlum
- P.D. James
- John Grisham
- Robert Parker
- Sue Grafton
- Mary Higgins Clark
- Arthur Conan Doyle

Historical Themes

- BURR (*America*)
- TRINITY (*Ireland*)
- CENTENNIAL (*Colorado*)

- Gore Vidal
- Leon Uris
- James Michener

ELEANOR AND THE FOUR KINGS (*Middle Ages*)
THE GRAPES OF WRATH (*Depression*)
ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF IVAN DENISOVICH (*Russia*)
BACK BAY
HARVARD YARD

Amy Kelly
John Steinbeck
Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
William Martin
William Martin

Sports

THE NATURAL (*baseball*)
SEEING RED (*basketball, Red Auerbach*)
HORSE HEAVEN (*horse racing*)

Bernard Malamud
Dan Shaughnessy
Jane Smiley

Miscellaneous

WE WERE THE MULVANEYS (*social issues*)
EVERYTHING TO GAIN (*social issues, grief*)
A CANTICLE FOR LEIBOWITZ (*Sci-fi*)
TOXIN (*sci-fi*)
ACCIDENTAL TOURIST (*cont. lit*)
MARTIN EDEN (*adventure*)
WITHOUT REMORSE (*adventure*)
THE SUMMERHOUSE (*fantasy*)
GORILLAS IN THE MIST (*non-fiction: science journal*)
ANY BOOK BY TOM CLANCY (*fantasy thriller, conspiracy theories of history*)
MISTS OF AVALON (*fantasy*)
CITY OF BONES (*fantasy*)

Joyce Carol Oates
Barbara Taylor Bradford
Walter Miller Jr.
Robin Cook
Ann Tyler
Jack London
Tom Clancy
Jude Deveraux
Dian Fossey
Marion Zimmer Bradley
Cassandra Clare

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