



Office of Curriculum & Instruction
Bernards Township Schools



Becoming a Community of Readers and Writers

To: William Annin Middle School Grade 8
From: Dr. Janet Ankiel, Supervisor of Language Arts
Date: May 13, 2011
Re: Ridge High School Summer Reading for Incoming 9th Graders

1. All information about the 2011 Ridge High School Summer Reading Program will be available on the district's website at www.bernardsboe.com on May 16, 2011. Look for the **Summer Reading** link on the homepage and download the information for your 2011-2012 Language Arts Course.
2. Ways to obtain your **Summer Reading** books:
 - a. Order through the WAMS Media Center. An order form accompanies this letter in the Friday Folder. Order forms are also posted on the WAMS web page in the NEWS and FRIDAY FOLDER Section. Orders are due to the WAMS Media Center by the end of the school day on **Friday, May 20, 2011.**
 - b. Borrow from the Bernards Township Library, 32 South Maple Ave, Basking Ridge.
 - c. Purchase on your own from local book stores or online.

??? Questions ???

Contact:

Now through June 24, 2011

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June 27 - September 7, 2011

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We will be very happy to answer your questions.

Enjoy your summer and reading!

For more information on summer reading requirements, including summaries of all books and assignment information, go to: <http://www.bernardsboe.com>.

Grade 9 - Required Summer Reading - 2011

Course: The Literary Experience	Course: English Honors 9
Required: A Lesson Before Dying Ernest J. Gaines	Required: A Lesson Before Dying Ernest J. Gaines
Choices: Select 1	Choices: Select 2
Sunrise Over Fallujah Walter Dean Myers	Speak Laurie Halse Anderson
Habibi Naomi Shihab Nye	Fahrenheit 451 Ray Bradbury
Eragon Christopher Paolini	Into Thin Air Jon Krakauer

Book Summaries

Anderson Speak

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Bradbury Fahrenheit 451

A book burner in a future fascist state finds out books are a vital part of a culture he never knew. He clandestinely pursues reading, until he is betrayed.

Gaines A Lesson Before Dying

Tells the story of a young African-American man sentenced to death for a murder he did not commit, and a teacher who tries to impart to him his learning and pride before the execution.

Krakauer Into Thin Air: a Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster

The author relates his experience of climbing Mount Everest during its deadliest season and examines what it is about the mountain that makes people willingly subject themselves to such risk, hardship, and expense.

Myers Sunrise Over Fallujah

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

Paolini Eragon

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Nye Habibi

When fourteen-year-old Liyane Abboud, her younger brother, and her parents move from St. Louis to a new home between Jerusalem and the Palestinian village where her father was born, they face many changes and must deal with the tensions between Jews and Palestinians.

If you choose to buy your books through the school, the orders are due to the WAMS Media Center by 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2011.

Make checks payable to WAMS.

Please check the titles you want and add the totals.

(All are paperbacks)

Book Author/Title	# of Copies	Cost/Book	Total
Anderson <i>Speak</i>		\$10.00	
Bradbury <i>Fahrenheit 451</i>		\$7.00	
Gaines <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i>		\$14.00	
Krakauer <i>Into Thin Air</i>		\$15.00	
Myers <i>Sunrise Over Fallujah</i>		\$8.00	
Paolini <i>Eragon</i>		\$11.00	
Nye <i>Habibi</i>		\$7.00	
GRAND TOTAL	How many books did you order?		Total cost of books

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Name _____ HR Teacher _____

Home Telephone # _____ English Teacher _____