

Read  
Widely  
Read  
Often

**Pennridge High School English Department  
Summer Reading List  
2009-2010**

The members of the English department have compiled a list of fiction and non-fiction books that connects with the literature in **American Literature Honors**. The English teachers believe in **reading widely** and **reading often**.

- **Honors** students will read **Ernest J. Gaines's *A Lesson Before Dying*** during the summer. ***A Lesson Before Dying* must be read by the start of the 09-10 school year.**
- In addition, it is expected that honors-level students read **4 outside reading books** during the course of the school year. Students will receive direction from teachers upon returning to school.
- Finally, the following is a list of suggested titles if you are looking for something to read over the summer. Enjoy!

*The Color of Water*- James McBride

*Jubilee*-Margaret Walker

*A Separate Peace* – John Knowles

*Ethan Frome*- Edith Wharton

*The Secret Life of Bees* – Sue Monk Kidd

*The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson* – Mark Twain

*Promised the Moon: The Untold Story of the First Women in the Space Race*- Stephanie Nolen

*Witch Hunt: Mysteries of the Salem Witch Trials*- Marc Aronson

*The Lovely Bones: A Novel* – Alice Sebold

*The Demon in the Freezer: A True Story*- Richard Preston

*The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fist Fight in Heaven*- Sherman Alexie

*Water For Elephants* – Sara Gruen

*Icy Sparks* - Gwyn Hyman Rubio

*Lake Wobegone* – Garrison Keillor

*A Walk in the Woods* – Bill Bryson

*Pigs in Heaven* – Barbara Kingsolver

*Peace Like a River* – Leif Enger

*Inventing Modern America: From the Microwave to the Mouse*-  
David Brown

*Geeks*- John Katz

*In Code: A Mathematical Journey*-Sarah Flannery

*Great Projects: The Epic Story of the Building of America from the Mississippi to the Invention of the Internet*- James Tobin

*The Hot Zone*-Richard Preston

Any American-born writer on the New York Times Best Seller List