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**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 **Western Literature Honors**. The English teachers believe in **reading widely** and **reading often**.

Students are required to read Mary Shelly's *Frankenstein* by the first Friday of the 2009-10 school year.

- ****Jane Eyre*- Charlotte Bronte
- ****Grendel*- John Gardner
- A Clockwork Orange*- Anthony Burgess
- Wide Sargasso Sea*- Jean Rhys
- 1984* or *Animal Farm*- George Orwell
- ****Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fate of Western Societies*- Jared Diamond
- To the Lighthouse*- Virginia Woolf
- ****The Importance of Being Earnest* or *The Picture of Dorian Gray*-
by Oscar Wilde
- Dracula*- Bram Stoker
- Catch 22*- Joseph Heller
- A Prayer for Owen Meany* - John Irving
- The Cherry Orchard*- Chekhov
- Sophie's World*- Jostein Gaarder
- Jane Austen's Book Club*- Karen Joy Fowler
- Burning Bright*- Tracy Chevalier
- Angels and Demons*- Dan Brown
- The Anglo Saxons*- James Campbell
- Six Wives: The Queens of Henry VIII*- David Starkey
- How to Read Literature like a Professor*- Thomas Foster
- The Western Canon*- Harold Bloom
- ***Any novel that is part of the Western Canon

*** *Denotes selections that are highly encouraged.*