

General Summer Reading for 9th grade

Summer should not mean taking a break from learning, especially when it comes to reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but students who continue to read actually gain skills. In order to assure that North Pocono students continue to read for pleasure and enrichment the following novels have been assigned.

You must read **one** of the following novels:

Hoot by Carl Hiassen In this humorous mystery, three unlikely teens lead a protest to save endangered burrowing owls that live on the property where a Mother Paula's All American Pancake House is about to be built.

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys The nations of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia disappeared from maps in 1941 and did not reappear until 1990. As this is a story seldom told, the author wanted to give a voice to the millions of people who lost their lives during Stalin's cleansing of the Baltic region.

Look Me In The Eye by John Elder Robinson John Elder Robinson shares his, often hilarious life story, as someone who was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism, but not until he was forty years old. He takes the reader on his adventures from an unhappy childhood, to developing exploding guitars for the rock band KISS, to pioneering talking electronic games in the late 1970's, to marriage and fatherhood, and finally as a successful owner of an automotive business. His fantastic life story is engaging and encouraging.

The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart It's never too late for the adventure of a lifetime. In all the ways that matter, Mark is a normal kid. He's got a dog named Beau and a best friend, Jessie. He likes to take photos and write haiku poems in his notebook. He dreams of climbing a mountain one day. But in one important way, Mark is not like other kids at all. Mark is sick. The kind of sick that means hospitals and treatments. The kind of sick some people never get better from, so Mark runs away. He leaves home with his camera, his notebook, his dog, and a plan. A plan to reach the top of Mount Rainier...even if it's the last thing he ever does.

The evaluation will take place on the Friday of the first week of school. The evaluation will include a combination of true/false, matching, multiple choice, quotes, and essay. This evaluation will be your first test grade for the first quarter.

Please check the website as some of the above titles may have reading guides.

Lost Book Policy: All students must return the book that they are loaned by Friday. Students who lose or return book in unreadable condition will be charged the full cost to replace the book with one of the same edition and publisher. A disciplinary policy will be enforced by the administration until an acceptable book is returned or the cost paid.