



New Prairie High School  
English Department  
*Summer Reading Project*  
*for Honors English 9*



May 8, 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am pleased that your student is enrolled in Honors English 9 next year. I look forward to a year of fun and challenge as I guide students to reach their potential.

The first requirement of English 9 Honors is for students to choose and read ONE of the novels listed below by **Monday, August 12, 2024**. An email will be sent to your child's school email from [erinwhite@npsc.k12.in.us](mailto:erinwhite@npsc.k12.in.us) with a [Google Form link to select their book](#). There are limited copies of these novels, so please encourage your child to complete the form right away and indicate their first, second, and third choice. NPHS will allow your child to borrow a copy of their summer reading choice, but it is expected that your child will return the novel when school resumes in August. **Please tell your child NOT to write in the novels**, but perhaps they could use post-it notes to mark important pages. **Please have your child fill out the form by Monday, May 13th**. Copies of these requested novels will be delivered to your child's current 8th grade English teacher to pass out before the last day of school. You may also choose to find a copy of their novel choice at your local library if we run out of copies. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Erin White at the email address listed above.

Students should complete the following by August 12th:

- 1) Students will choose ONE book from the following list:
  - *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
  - *Anthem* by Ayn Rand
  - *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
  - *Divergent* by Veronica Roth
  - *The Color of Water* by James McBride
- 2) **Beginning Monday, August 12th**, students will use their chosen novel to assist in answering the question: How does love, courage, and fear influence our growth through adolescence?
- 3) To help students with answering this question, it is suggested that while reading their chosen novel, students should use sticky notes to bookmark important pages that show instances of Love, Courage, and Fear (or the lack thereof).
- 4) Again, please encourage your child to enjoy their novel, to take care of their borrowed book, and to return in on the first day of school in August!

Have a great summer break!

Sincerely,

*Ms. Erin White*