

Summer Reading List 9th Grade English

Course Overview: In the 9th grade, students will read, discuss, and analyze various genres in reading, such as poems, short stories, novels, plays, and fiction. The required summer reading list will be covered in class through writing assignments, vocabulary development, oral discussions, as well as directed analysis. Emphasis will be on critical thinking and on drawing inferences through the study of the literature.

Students are to read the following books. Non-honors students are to read *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. Students in honors are to read *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens and *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick.