

Alexis I. duPont High School  
Required Summer Reading: 2009-2010 School Year  
English Department

All students attending Alexis I. duPont High School are asked to read during the summer as part of their preparation for English classes. Please note the suggested works for the course you will be taking Fall 2009.

- Select at least one of the books listed and read it during the summer
- Tests, essays, and/or other evaluations of the reading, determined by the teacher, will be completed during the first weeks of school
- This evaluation will be part of your first marking period grade
- The books are available in the AI High library, area public libraries, and book stores
- Plan to complete your reading just prior to your return in August so it will be fresh

Why read during the summer?

- Reading is a vital skill and practice is important to becoming a better reader
- Students who read widely write better, have stronger vocabularies, achieve higher grades, and perform better on SATs
- Reading takes you places and it's just plain fun to get lost in a book

For descriptions of the books, link to <http://destiny.redclay.k12.de.us> and select AI High and search the online catalog or visit <http://www.amazon.com>.

Have a wonderful summer and make reading an enjoyable part of your relaxation.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Incoming students should select one of these books to read:

Honors: Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card (Science Fiction)  
The Lost World by Michael Crichton (Science Fiction)

The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman (Fantasy)  
The Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula LeGuin (Fantasy)

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith (Realistic Fiction)  
Member of the Wedding by Carson McCuller (Realistic Fiction)

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier (Mystery)  
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson (Mystery)

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar (Humor)  
Prom by Laurie Halse Anderson (Humor)

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Mah (Memoir)  
Night by Elie Weisel (Memoir)