

Summer 2013

Required Reading List – Class of 2017

Students: You are required to read one asterisked book, one other from this list (with or without an asterisk), and one from the complete JBHS Summer Reading List, which you will receive in the mail before the end of the school year.

***1984, George Orwell**

— Attempting individuality when Big Brother is always watching.

****The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, Ernest J. Gaines**

— A fictionalized heroine presents an American *Odyssey*.

****Bless Me, Ultima*, Rudolfo Anaya**

— Chicano tale about New Mexico in the 1940's.

****Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea: Why the Greeks Matter*, Thomas Cahill**

— Great preparation for *The Odyssey* and Western Civilization in Grade 9! nonfiction

***The Teacher's Funeral*, Richard Peck**

— High jinx, mischief and humor in rural 1904 Indiana.

***Dancing on the Edge*, Han Nolan**

— National Book Award winner – young girl seeking talent and truth. (audio book not available)

***Apologize, Apologize!*, Elizabeth Kelly**

— Madcap dramedy unfolds on Martha's Vineyard.

***Half Brother*, Kenneth Oppel**

— When a chimpanzee becomes part of the family . . .

***3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows*, Ann Brashares**

— How strong must friendship be to survive high school?

***The House of the Scorpion*, Nancy Farmer**

— Some consider him monstrous, but little do they know Matt's origin.

***Swimming to Antarctica*, Lynne Cox**

— Cox's story is both inspirational and beautiful; non-fiction. (audio book not available)

- You will find all the Reading Program lists and instructions on the JBHS "Summer Reading" Edline page.

- Except where indicated, all selections are available in unabridged audio book format.