EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF DALLAS UPPER SCHOOL
TWELFTH-GRADE SUMMER READING LIST 2013

The Upper School summer reading program has two parts.

PART ONE: REQUIRED READINGS

- **ALL STUDENTS IN ENGLISH IV** must read *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini and two books from the options list (explained in Part II of this document).

- **ALL SENIORS IN AP LITERATURE** must read *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini, *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte, one book from Category I or Category II of the following AP enrichment list, AND a fourth book that may come from the general options list or from the AP enrichment list. Directions for Part II can be found on the next page of this document.

**AP Enrichment List**

Note to AP Literature students: You may substitute another work by one of the following authors provided that the alternative title explores one of the themes listed below. You may make other kinds of substitutions only with the approval of Mrs. Salz. All substitutions must be works of substantial literary merit.

**AP Enrichment List Category I: The Position of Women: Gender, Class, and Race**

- *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton
- *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy
- *A Doll’s House* by Henrik Ibsen
- *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert
- *Black Ice* by Lorene Cary
- *The Awakening and Selected Stories* by Kate Chopin
- *Cat’s Eye* by Margaret Atwood
- *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- *Emma by Jane Austen*
- *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn
- *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen
- *Middlemarch* by George Eliot (Mary Anne Evans)
- *Foe* by J. M. Coetzee

**AP Enrichment List Category II: Cultural Identity and Difference**

- *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
- *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya
- *The Castle* by Franz Kafka
- *The English Teacher* by R. K. Narayan
- *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- *July's People* by Nadine Gordimer
PART TWO: OPTIONS FOR PERSONAL READING

The online list of over one hundred books gives you the opportunity to explore topics of interest, favorite genres, and favorite authors. These lists will be posted on the ESD web page by late May. Click on a subject-category link on the main page of summer reading to access areas of interest. We also encourage you to expand your horizons by venturing into new topics, genres, and authors. You may wish to scroll through the alphabetical list of all titles in order to sample the full range of offerings.

The Upper School reading options list is divided between those books to be read by freshmen and sophomores and those books to be read by juniors and seniors. Books on the lists for upperclassmen are recommended for more mature readers, but juniors and seniors may choose to read a book they have not previously read from the list for underclassmen. Students may also the English department chairperson for permission to read a book that is not on the options list. Such a request must be made no later than June 15.

SPECIAL NOTE:
All upper school students must choose optional books that they have not read for credit in middle school, upper school, or summer school. We encourage students to read additional books as time allows.

All US students: Your teacher will assign appropriate writing assignments and projects when classes convene in August. Be prepared for discussion the first week of classes.

READ IT. LOVE IT. LIVE IT.
It is hoped that students will not restrict their reading to the minimum number of books. The theme of the ESD summer reading program is READ IT. LOVE IT. LIVE IT. When you return to school in the fall, some of your discussions will focus on your reasons for choosing the books you read: Do you simply love any book related to science fiction or fantasy? Do you love everything by a favorite author? Do you love any book that is related to a favorite topic such as sports or animals regardless of whether the book is a mystery, biography, or work of historical fiction? What kinds of books energize you? Get you thinking? Get you wondering?
NEW STUDENTS
Students admitted to Episcopal School of Dallas during the summer should read the following number of required books before school begins:

Admitted before July 31
Regular class:  all three books
AP class:  all four books

Admitted between August 1 and August 15
Regular classes:  the required book and one book from the options list
AP class:  Contact Mrs. Salz regarding arrangements.

Admitted after August 15
Regular classes:  the required book
AP class:  Contact Mrs. Salz regarding arrangements.