

Juanita High School Summer Reading 2018

Incoming Juniors

But not AP Language or Cambridge



RATIONALE: The Juanita High School learning community encourages all students to develop into thoughtful, avid readers. With this aim, the staff is asking all incoming juniors to read **one** of the books described below.

Choose *one* book from this list of books:

The Color of Water by James McBride

The son of a black minister and a woman who would not admit she was white, James McBride grew up in "orchestrated chaos" with his eleven siblings in the poor, all-black projects of Red Hook, Brooklyn. "Mommy," a fiercely protective woman with "dark eyes full of pep and fire," herded her brood to Manhattan's free cultural events, sent them off on buses to the best (and mainly Jewish) schools, demanded good grades, and commanded respect. As a young man, McBride saw his mother as a source of embarrassment, worry, and confusion—and reached thirty before he began to discover the truth about her early life and long-buried pain. In *The Color of Water*, McBride retraces his mother's footsteps and, through her searing and spirited voice, recreates her remarkable story.

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Lush, original, and poignant, Kathryn Stockett has written a wondrous novel set in the Deep South told through the authentic voices of Aibileen, Minnie, and Skeeter, three unforgettable women whose lives and points of view intersect vividly against a landscape of hopeful change in America. You will be swept away as they work, play, and love during a time when possibilities for women were few but their dreams of the future were limitless.

Summer Reading Assignment

Choose a book on this list to read this summer. Take notes on plot, character, and your personal reactions. (What did you like or not like? Did the situations or characters remind you of something or someone you know about?) You will not turn in your notes, so there is no minimum requirement, but they will help you in assignments and tests at the beginning of the year.

**We value your integrity.
Plagiarism and cheating will result in
an irrevocable score of zero.**