

Juanita High School Summer Reading 2018

Incoming Seniors

But not including AP Literature or Cambridge 12



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 seniors to read **one** of the books described below.

We hope that you enjoy your summer reading!

Choose *one* from this list of books:

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul, he has educated himself by watching television extensively, and by listening very closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, an up-and-coming Seattle race car driver. Through Denny, Enzo has gained tremendous insight into the human condition, and he sees that life, like auto racing, isn't simply about going fast. On the eve of his death, Enzo takes stock of his life; the result is a heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope. *The Art of Racing in the Rain* is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life...as only a dog could tell it.

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

Jeannette Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were both their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary Walls had four children. In the beginning, they lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Later, when the money ran out, or the romance of the wandering life faded, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town -- and the family -- Rex Walls had done everything he could to escape. He drank. He stole the grocery money and disappeared for days. As the dysfunction of the family escalated, Jeannette and her brother and sisters had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they weathered their parents' betrayals and, finally, found the resources and will to leave home.

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?)

Be prepared write about this book during the first week of school.

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