



**San Diego Jewish Academy  
High School Humanities 2011  
Supply List and Summer Reading Guidelines  
for students enrolled in English 9, 10, 11, 12**

### **Supply List**

three-ring binder with dividers; pens, pencils, highlighters, post-it notes, for active reading; college-ruled notebook paper; public library card for summer reading

### **Summer Reading for English 9, 10, 11, 12, DUE DATE: August 24, 2011**

Parents, we encourage you to read and discuss with your student.

Students, your goal this summer should be to read as much as you can to improve your reading skills (understanding, vocabulary, speed). Please, at a minimum, read any two books of your choice, fiction or non-fiction; see suggested titles at the American Library Association websites listed below.

In addition to the two books of your choice, read and annotate ideas significant to you in the text(s) assigned to your grade level. Please keep your copy of this text for the first week of school.

- Grade 9, *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- Grade 10, *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak and David Brooks' Commencement Speech 2011 at Brandeis: <http://www.brandeis.edu/commencement/2011/keynote.html> Please annotate ideas in Brooks' speech that you see reflected in *The Book Thief*, and bring both the first day of school, ready to discuss these points of connection.
- Grade 11, *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- Grade 12, *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert

### **First Week Accountability**

You will have an in-class activity and open-book test during the first week of school to demonstrate your understanding of the grade-level text(s).

### **AP Students**

If you are enrolled in *any* AP course next fall, you should check the SDJA website to see if the faculty member teaching the course is requiring a summer assignment. If you are taking an AP English class, you are *not* required to complete the grade level novel listed above.

### **If you would like some ideas for what to read, we would suggest consulting the following websites:**

- "Fiction Outstanding Books for the College Bound Titles." American Library Association. <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/obcb/fiction.html>
- "Non-fiction Outstanding Books for the College Bound Titles." American Library Association. <http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/outstandingbooks/nonfictionoutstanding.htm>
- "Booklists & Book Awards." American Library Association. <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/>

### **Questions?**

If you still have questions after reading this handout, please write an email to Ms. McKinstry at [mmckinstry@sdja.com](mailto:mmckinstry@sdja.com). She will check email periodically throughout the summer. Students, we encourage you to advocate for yourself and ask questions of teachers in a timely manner. Finding an answer to a question is an integral skill. Don't wait until August! We will not accept late work. Our first day back is August 24. We look forward to a great year.