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# Sandra Day O'Connor High School

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## Summer Reading List Sandra Day O'Connor High School Summer 2009

Students enrolled in Pre-AP, Advanced Placement, or Dual Credit English at O'Connor High School are required to complete the summer reading as specified by the level they will enter in August 2009. The summer requirement offers an opportunity for enrichment in grades 9-12. Summer reading is an integral part of the academic program and a vehicle for beginning a rich, academic program the first days of school. Summer reading must be completed by August 24, 2009. Students may purchase their own books or check books out from a library. The English Department at O'Connor looks forward to seeing you when school starts. If you have any questions, please call Cyndi Piña at 397-4800 x3216.

### Students Entering Regular English

Students enrolled in regular English who seek extra credit in the first six weeks should look at the back of this sheet for recommended list of authors. In order to receive extra-credit for summer reading, you will need to schedule time to have a book talk with your teacher; you must bring your book to receive credit.

### Students Entering Pre-AP, Advanced Placement or Dual Credit English

<b>English I Pre-AP:</b>	<i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell and one book of choice from the Eng. I list (backside of this sheet)
<b>English II Pre-AP:</b>	<i>The Stranger</i> by Albert Camus and <i>Metamorphosis</i> by Franz Kafka
<b>English III AP English III AP/Dual:</b>	<i>My Antonia</i> by Willa Cather and <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> by Zora Neale Hurston
<b>English IV Dual Credit:</b>	<i>Brave New World</i> by Aldous Huxley and another work (essay, play, or novel) by Aldous Huxley
<b>English IV AP and English IV AP/Dual Credit:</b>	<i>Life of Pi</i> by Yann Martel and two short stories by Franz Kafka

### Students Enrolled in Regular English:

**NOTE:** The genres listed below are simply a guide to help you if you are having trouble finding a book. Books which were required reading in middle school or high school should not be selected. We recommend that you work with your parents to choose a book which will be of interest to you.

#### English I: Genre—Mystery/Thriller Fiction

**REMINDER: Eng. I Pre-AP students MUST choose a book by one of the authors listed below.**

David Baldacci	Janet Evanovich	Michael Palmer
Agatha Christie	Sue Grafton	James Patterson
Mary Higgins Clark	Mark Haddon	John Saul
Michael Connelly	Tony Hillerman	
Patricia Cornwell	P.D. James	

#### English II: Genre—Fantasy/Science Fiction

Marion Zimmer Bradley	Dean Koontz	R.A. Salvatore
Terry Brooks	Mercedes Lackey	Neal Shusterman
Orson Scott Card	Ursula Le Guin	William Sleator
Andrew Clements	Juliet Marillier	Vivian Vande Velde
Stephen Coonts	Melinda Metz	David Weber
David Eddings	Anne McCaffrey	Margaret Weis
Nancy Farmer	Robin McKinley	Laurence Yep
Neil Gaiman	Garth Nix	Paul Zindel
Tess Gerritsen	W. Rodman Philbrick	
Terry Goodkind	Tamora Pierce	
Ann Halam	Terry Pratchett	
Robert Jordan	Philip Pullman	

#### English III: Genre—American or Texas Authors--Fiction

Mitch Albom	Ernest Gaines	Tim O'Brien
Julia Alvarez	Kaye Gibbons	J.D. Salinger
Margaret Atwood	Joseph Heller	Leslie Silko
Dan Brown	John Irving	Amy Tan
Ana Castillo	Louis L'Amour	Anne Tyler
James Clavell	Cormac McCarthy	Alice Walker
Robin Cook	Larry McMurtry	Kurt Vonnegut
Louise Ehrdrich	Toni Morrison	Richard Wright
Ralph Ellison	Joyce Carol Oates	

#### English IV: Genre—Biography/Autobiography

Artists	Civic Leaders/World Leaders	Musicians
Athletes	Design Industry Leaders	Politicians
Authors	Entertainers	Scientists
	Historical figures	
	Medical/Psychology Leaders	

**NOTE:** The Diary Of Anne Frank and The Miracle Worker are middle school titles and are therefore not appropriate choices for summer reading.

\*\*\*\*\*Have a great summer!\*\*\*\*\*