



Minuteman High School actively supports the growth of reading skills that will allow students to succeed academically and vocationally, as well as recognize the lifelong value of reading as a source of information, communication and entertainment. To this end, all incoming and enrolled Minuteman students participate in the "Minuteman Reads" Summer Reading Program.

The program requirements for each grade include reading an assigned book title and taking a computer based test. In addition, it is strongly recommended that students complete the reading guides. These can be used during the testing and turned in for extra credit.

Summer reading assessments will count as 15% of each student's Term 1 English grade. In addition, **the book will be used to start the year as there will be companion reading pieces and a writing assignment centered around this title.**

Grade 10

Required of all sophomores:

1. **Read *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon*, by Stephen King.** 2016-2017 sophomores will receive a loaner copy of the book before the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact the Guidance Dept. at Minuteman (781-861-6500 ext 7289), if you have not received yours.
2. **Take *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon* computerized reading test.** The test will be given in your English class during the first week of school. If you prefer to take it earlier, two summer reading testing days have been set aside. Come to Minuteman on Wednesday, July 20 and/or Wednesday, August 10 from 8 a.m. to noon to take the Scholastic Reading Counts version of the test. If you are unhappy with your score, you are welcome to retake another version of the test during the first week of school.

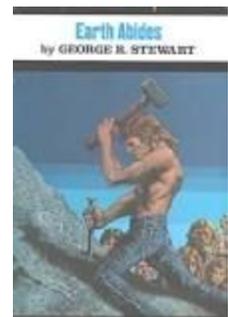


Optional

1. Click on the links below **if you wish to complete the** three reading guides. These can be used on the reading test and turned in to your English teacher for extra credit afterwards.
 - [Reading Guide #1](#)
 - [Reading Guide #2](#)
 - [Reading Guide #3](#)

Required of all Level 1 sophomores:

1. **In addition to the above title, read *Earth Abides*, by George R. Stewart.**
2. **Take the *Earth Abides* computerized reading test.** The test will be given in your English class during the first week of school. If you prefer to take it earlier, two summer reading testing days have been set aside. Come to Minuteman on Wednesday, July 20 and/or Wednesday, August 10 from 8 a.m. to noon to take the Scholastic Reading Counts version of the test.





Recommended:

Read as many books from the [Summer Reading List](#) as possible. For every additional book you read this summer and pass a Reading Counts test with a 70% or above you will earn extra credit.

Making book selections

Although students may read any books from the summer reading list, it may be helpful to select books within a range of 100 points below to 50 points above your Lexile score, as tested by the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) given at the end of the year. (Example: Student Alicia's Lexile is 753; books with a Lexile level of 653-803 may be the best choice for her.)

As you read the books, you can complete the **non-fiction notes organizer** for non-fiction books and the **fiction notes organizer** for fiction. You will be able to use these organizers at the time you take your tests. Click on the links below for each organizer

- [Non-fiction notes organizer](#)
- [Fiction notes organizer](#)

Finally. . .

Why is reading important? Consider the chart below based on research by Nagy and Herman in 1987.

