



Welcome to the "Minuteman Reads" Summer Reading Program!

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 assigned books and taking computer based tests. The tests will be given in your English class during the first week of school. If you prefer to take any 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. **In addition, it is strongly recommended that students complete the graphic notes organizers. 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/or a writing assignment centered around this title.**

Grade 11

Required of juniors enrolled in English 101: English Composition 1:

1. Read one Pulitzer Prize winning novel written in the past 10 years.

Required of Level 1 juniors:

1. Read *Grendel*, by John Gardner (Honors English Composition 11)
2. **And/or Unwind by Neal Shusterman** (Honors British Literature)
3. In addition to the above titles, read one book from the [Summer Reading List](#).
4. **Take the corresponding computerized reading tests.**



Required of all Level 2 juniors:

1. Read two books from the [Summer Reading List](#).
2. **Take the corresponding computerized reading tests.**

Required of all Level 3 juniors:

1. Read one book from the [Summer Reading List](#).
2. **Take the corresponding computerized reading 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.

