



Upper Darby High School  
**Summer Reading Recommendations 2020**

**The summer reading recommendations are as follows:**

**Incoming 9th grade:**

*Rostered for English 9: The Giver (Lowery)*

**Rostered for 9<sup>th</sup> grade Accelerated (in addition to *The Giver*):** *October Sky* (Hickam) & *A Separate Peace* (John Knowles)

**Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> grade:**

**Rostered for American Literature/Honors American Literature: Recommended** *Grapes of Wrath* (Steinbeck) & *Catcher in the Rye* (Salinger)

**Rostered for Honors American Studies:**

**Recommended:** *The Scarlet Letter* (Hawthorne) & *Sport of the Gods* (Dunbar)

**Incoming AP – Language and Composition:**

**Recommended:** *Bird by Bird* (Lamott) & *Thank You for Arguing: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion* (Jay Heinrichs)

**Optional:** *Native Son* (Wright)

**Summer Reading More Information:**

- Individual teachers of Honors Courses may post specific summer work on their Schoology pages.
  
- Some full texts can be found for free online – through Project Gutenberg, etc

Research shows academic choice in reading serves students most efficiently. Students are encouraged to select books that will interest them and keep them involved in reading throughout the summer months. Below you will find suggestions and websites to assist students in choosing an appropriate text.

- 2019-2020 Delaware County High School Reading Olympics Book List
- [DCIU Reading Olympics Book List](#)
- Newbery Medal Winners & Honor Books
- [Newbery Medal Winners & Honor Books](#)
- American Association of School Librarians
- [Summer Reading List 2020](#)
- Common Sense Media Books for Teens
- <https://www.common sense media.org/lists/award-winning-books-for-teens>