

**Edgemont Junior-Senior High School
Summer Reading List – Grade Seven
2010**

As a candidate for Seventh grade English next fall, you are required to read during the summer. A required text will be part of how we begin the 2010 school year. There are two parts to the following summer reading list.

The number in parentheses indicates the degree of difficulty of each book. The numbers mean:

1. a book slightly easier than 7th grade level
 2. a book typical of the reading ability of a 7th grader
 3. a book slightly higher than 7th grade level
 4. a difficult book – You should be a good reader with the persistence to finish a lengthy book.
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A. All students are required to read:

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi (1-2)

In 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is the only passenger and the only female aboard a sailing ship bound from England to Rhode Island. She finds herself accused of murder as she becomes involved in a plot to overthrow the villainous captain.

You should use the attached form (make copies) for your note taking on each chapter of Charlotte Doyle.

B. You may select any book from the following list or you may choose your own book to read.

You are not required to take notes on your second book but be ready to talk about it in class in September.

1. **The Batboy** – Lupica, Mike (1)
When Brian Dudley lands a job as a batboy for the Detroit Tigers, he is surprised at what he learns about his hero, Hank Bishop.
2. **The Adoration Of Jenna Fox** –Pearson, Mary (1) c.2008
After waking up from a coma, Jenna realizes that her body is too perfect to have survived a car accident that killed her two best friends. She also wonders why she can no longer remember basic facts from her past but can recite entire passages from the classics.
3. **Stargirl** – Spinelli, Jerry (2)
Stargirl arrives at quiet Mica High and enchants the students from the start. Igniting school spirit, Stargirl becomes the most popular girl on campus until Pressured to conform and be “normal”, Stargirl struggles with popularity, high school, and first love in this award winning novel.

4. **Homecoming** – Voigt, Cynthia (2)
When the four Tillerman siblings are abandoned by their mother in a parking lot in the middle of Rhode Island, they decide that their only hope is to seek out their Great-aunt Cilla, who lives in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Dicey, 13, must take care of her younger siblings and lead them to safety on only \$11.
5. **Maximum Ride** – Patterson, James (2)
A Science fiction novel, this story is about a group of kids with unique talents that must escape from the part-human, part-wolf predators, called the Erasers.
6. **The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm** – Farmer, Nancy (2)
Tendai and his siblings, the children of a military ruler in Zimbabwe in 2194, leave their home and go on an adventure in which dangers abound. Facing all kinds of obstacles, Tendai perseveres with bravery and always a sense of humor.
7. **The Thief Lord** – Funke, Cornelia (3)
The hidden, magical underworld of Venice is the setting where runaways and orphans create their own society led by the mysterious Thief Lord. Many adventures unfold through this tale of petty crime and daring escapades, leading up to a dramatic and surprising ending.
8. **The Murder of Roger Ackroyd** – Christie, Agatha (3)
A mystery. A full cast of characters. Many clues – both real and misleading – cleverly woven together into a story with a stunning finale that no reader could expect.
9. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian** – Alexie, Sherman (3)
After transferring from the reservation school to the rich, white school in Reardan, Junior, a Spokane Indian from Willipint, WA, finds himself making friends with all types of kids and starting on the school basketball team.
10. **Golden Compass** – Pullman, Philip (4)
The first book in the *His Dark Materials* trilogy is about Lyra, a carefree orphan who spends her days exploring Oxford University, playing pranks and going on imaginative adventures. However, the magical world in which she lives becomes a dangerous one when she is inadvertently intertwined in a serious game involving deception, murder and mystery.
11. **The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation: Volume 1: The Pox Party** Anderson, M.T. (4) Young Octavian is being raised by a group of rational philosophers known only by numbers. It is only after he opens a forbidden door that he learns the hideous nature of their experiments, and his own alarming role in them. Set in Revolutionary Boston, M. T. Anderson's thrilling novel takes place at a time when Patriots battled to win freedom while African slaves were entreated to risk their lives for a freedom they would never claim. The first of two parts, this intense novel has a startling meaning for readers today.