

SOUTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
2011 SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

GRADE 9

That was a memorable day to me, for it made great changes in me. But, it is the same with any life. Imagine one selected day struck out of it, and think how different its course would have been. Pause you who read this, and think for a moment of the long chain of iron or gold, of thorns or flowers, that would never have bound you, but for the formation of the first link on one memorable day.

— *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

All South Kingstown High School students are required to complete summer reading which will be assessed the first week of school. Students who are unsure about which book to select should consult with their librarian, English teacher, or reading specialist. Visit [http://hs.skschools.net/English/Summer Reading](http://hs.skschools.net/English/SummerReading) for more information.

**ENGLISH 9 — Select one (1) novel. There will be a TEST and ESSAY
(Bring your notes: they will count as part of your test grade!)**

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens (Classic)

Maus I by Art Spiegelman (Graphic Novel)

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (Fantasy)

The Maze Runner (Vol. 1 of *The Maze Runner Trilogy*) by James Dashner (Science Fiction)

Wolf Rider by Avi (Mystery)

or, in memory of Lindsay Ann Burke,

Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn (Contemporary)

HONORS ENGLISH 9 — Students *must* read the following:

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens: **NOTES, TEST, AND ESSAY**

Assessment: Students will be tested on their summer reading during the first week of school. The test will consist of multiple choice, matching, true/false, and identification questions. Also, each student will write an essay using his or her notes about one of the books in response to either of the following prompts:

- 1) Discuss how this book has helped you to understand yourself.
- 2) What important things does the main character learn about himself? How did the book's author show the difficulty of understanding oneself?

To support your essay with well-developed examples, you are to record a **minimum of nine** relevant quotations from the novel (including chapter and page numbers) on a graphic organizer while you read. Make certain to keep an organizer for the novel you read, and bring it to your English class during the first day of school. A model quotation from *Wolf Rider* by Avi is on the graphic organizer below.

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**Student Graphic Organizer for Required Summer Reading Essay
(Use the form on back, or create your own on another piece of paper.)**

BOOK TITLE: Wolf Rider by Avi

QUOTATION	RELATIONSHIP OF QUOTATION TO PROMPT
"Andy knew how much he needed [his father] and loved him" (202).	Andy realizes that he depends on others (like his father) for love and support.

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YOUR NAME: _____ **BOOK TITLE:** _____

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