

Tiftarea Academy
High School English
Summer Reading Bonus Point Program

Have you ever needed a couple of points at semester's end? Of course you have! And here is how you may earn those extra points, bank them, and use them to boost your semester grade in English.

The program does not apply to Brewton-Parker College English classes. We believe the books we have selected are of high interest and importance. Reading any or all of them should improve your readiness for college or whatever you choose to do after graduation. We selected these books after studying dozens of mandatory and voluntary reading lists from other schools and colleges.

The program is simple. There are book lists for 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. You read four or five of the books listed for your grade and take a test on them during pre-planning. The dates and times will be on the school website by August 1. A bonus point may be earned for each test passed. Two points will be added for first semester, and two for second semester. You may earn up to four points for the year.

Reading Lists By Grade

Rising 8th graders

The Pearl by John Steinbeck
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
The Miracle Worker by William Gibson
Where the Lilies Bloom by Bill Cleaver
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Rising 9th Graders

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle
The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Rising 11th graders

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner

Rising 10th graders

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

Rising 12th graders

Animal Farm by George Orwell
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

Guideline:

1. You may get bonus points for reading any four books on your grade level.
2. Only four bonus points may be earned, no matter how many books you read or how many tests you pass.
3. Please check the website for the dates and times for testing. If you have any questions about the dates and times, email Mrs. Natalie Rippy at nrippy@tiftarea.org prior to the scheduled dates.
4. No test will be administered after the assigned date.
5. A score of 70 or above is required to earn one point.
6. A maximum of four bonus points may be earned, and only two points may be applied to your grade each semester.
7. The tests are not Accelerated Reader tests, and each test has from 50-100 questions.

We hope you will participate in this voluntary summer reading program. It will guide you in academically challenging summer reading, and it will make you familiar with some of the best prose in the English language.