

Watervliet Jr./Sr. High School

Summer Reading 2017

Students Entering Advanced English 8

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian:

Summer reading provides an excellent opportunity for students to stay connected to literature, to enhance literacy skills developed during the school year, and to gain knowledge.

This year, one reading task is assigned to the entire class. **This reading must be completed over the summer as it will constitute a vital component of the students' first unit of study in September.** For students entering the Advanced English 8 class, the assigned text is *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, by Frederick Douglass.

Additionally, the Watervliet High School English Department provides a *suggested* summer reading list for each grade level. These lists include titles that can be loaned from the English department, free book downloads, and titles that can be obtained at the Watervliet Public Library. As always, if it is desired, one could also purchase the titles from a local book store. It is a departmental recommendation that each student will choose at least one book from the list for his/her next grade level. The suggested reading list can also be found on the school district's website, watervlietcityschools.org.

Teachers in the Jr./Sr. High School English Department are avid, enthusiastic readers, who understand the power of literature to change lives. We are more than willing to answer questions about books and to recommend specific titles to students. We look forward to discussing summer reading books with the students in the fall.

The utmost care has been taken to prepare lists with a large variety of books appropriate for high school students, but parents are urged to review the titles with their children and make choices as a family.

Cordially,

The Watervliet Jr. Sr. High School English Department