

## English IV: SUMMER READING LIST, 2010-2011

During your senior literature course, discussions and writing assignments will be based on the works listed below. **During the summer months, complete the reading of the books that are marked with an asterisk. You will also need to read one additional work of your choice from the list below.** Toward the end of May, you will receive directions for the completion of an assignment related to your reading.

You are encouraged to buy the required books at Barnes & Noble at the Marketplace in Exton during Villa weekend (May 20-23). Part of the book profit spent during those days will be returned to Villa Maria and used for some aspect of student learning. If you decide to purchase the book from a vendor other than Barnes & Noble in Exton, we ask that you please try to buy the editions shown below. Each student must have her own copy of each required work, since she will be instructed to highlight certain passages and to make notations in the book.

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### WESTERN LITERATURE

### REQUIRED READING

- \* THE CHILDREN'S HOUR (Lillian Hellman) – Dramatists Play Service
- \* THINGS FALL APART (Chinua Achebe)
- \* THE BELL JAR (Sylvia Plath)
- HAMLET (William Shakespeare) – Folger edition
- A POCKET STYLE MANUAL, 5th ed., Diana Hacker—
- HOW TO READ LITERATURE LIKE A PROFESSOR -- Thomas Foster

### STUDENT CHOICE (choose one)

- THE THINGS THEY CARRIED (Tim O'Brien)
  - GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING (Tracy Chevalier)
  - THE KITE RUNNER (Khaled Hosseini)
  - THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME (Mark Haddon)
  - THE RED TENT (Anita Diamant)
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### THEMES IN LITERATURE      REQUIRED READING

#### Required Books (Please purchase the edition that is listed)

- The Children's Hour* – Lillian Hellman (Dramatists Play Service)
- Ellen Foster* – Kaye Gibbons (Random House)
- Hamlet* – William Shakespeare (Folger edition)
- Nectar In A Sieve* by Kamala Markandaya

#### Choose one book from the following list:

- The Things They Carried* – Tim O'Brien
- Girl With a Pearl Earring* – Tracy Chevalier
- The Kite Runner* – Khaled Hosseini
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* – Mark Haddon

*Villa Maria's All School Read for 2010-2011. . . Every student is required to read this novel.*

*Title: The Smile by Donna Jo Napoli*