

**GALLATIN HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
SUMMER READING PROGRAM
GRADE 9: 2009-2010**

Honors Course of Study

Honors students will be required to read ONE required book and ONE book from the Selected Reading List that follows.

Honors: Required Reading

The Book Thief
by Markus Zusak

Honors: Selected Reading List

Honors students will be required to read one book from this Selected Reading List. Your ninth grade English teacher will assess your understanding of the text you select at the start of the school year. Select wisely and make sure you understand what you read. Take notes to help you remember the text.

Summer Writing Assignment

During the summer break, honors students will be expected to write an essay **for each novel** (required reading and selected reading) in which they analyze the sources of conflict in the story and explain how it contributes to the meaning of the work. For essay expectations, consult the attached rubric. Essays may be typed or handwritten and should be submitted to your teacher on the first full day of school.

Title

Scorpions

Fat Chance

Speak

Slam

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment

Author

Walter Dean Meyers

Leslea Newman

Laurie Halse Anderson

Nick Hornby

James Patterson

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