

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL – SUMMER READING 2010

ALL STUDENTS, grades 9 to 12, must choose ONE of the following books to read this summer. ALL STUDENTS WILL WRITE AN ESSAY ON THEIR REQUIRED SUMMER READING BOOK ON THE SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL.

Lucy Grealy, *Autobiography of a Face*

CHOICE #1

Review from Amazon.com:

At age nine, Lucy Grealy was diagnosed with a potentially terminal cancer. When she returned to school with a third of her jaw removed, she faced the cruel taunts of classmates. In this strikingly candid memoir, Grealy tells her story of great suffering and remarkable strength without sentimentality and with considerable wit. Vividly portraying the pain of peer rejection and the guilty pleasure of wanting to be special, Grealy captures with unique insight what it is like as a child and young adult to be torn between two warring impulses: to feel that more than anything else we want to be loved for who we are, while wishing desperately and secretly to be perfect.

Choice #2

Bill Bryson, *Shakespeare: The World as Stage*

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Review from Publishers Weekly:

Best selling author Bryson does what he does best: marshaling the unusual little facts that others might overlook—for example, that in Shakespeare's day perhaps 40% of women were pregnant when they got married—to paint a portrait of the world in which the Bard lived and prospered. Bryson is a pleasant and funny guide to a subject at once overexposed and elusive—as Bryson puts it, he is a kind of literary equivalent of an electron—forever there and not there.

IN ADDITION, HONORS AND AP STUDENTS MUST ALSO READ:

Incoming **9th grade honors students** must ALSO read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, Mark Haddon.

Incoming **10th grade honors students** must ALSO read *The Chosen*, Chaim Potok.

Incoming **11AP students** must ALSO read the following books: *Frankenstein*, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, plus an additional paired non-fiction book. See your AP teacher or the Malibu High School web site for a list of assignments and more information.

Incoming **12AP students** must ALSO read the following book: *Catch-22*, Joseph Heller. Additionally students must have a copy of *Candide*, Voltaire the first full week of school. See your AP teacher or the Malibu High School web site for list of assignments and more information.