

## **9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HONORS – Hanford High School 2017-2018**

Although there is no summer assignment for 9<sup>th</sup> grade honor students, it is assumed that students will be reading at least 1 novel over the summer. Students should select an age appropriate (high school level) novel of their choice. Students will be assigned a novel project during the first week of school, based on the novel that students read over the summer. Below is a recommended list of popular novel titles and authors that include a variety of topics & genres.

### **Choosing a book**

Reading is a joy, a privilege and the right of every student. Please research several choices before making your final decision. As you select books, please understand that every book is not the best choice for every student. If a book is unappealing or offensive to you in any way, please return it and select another book. You, the student, know which reading materials best serve you and your standards, reading level, and beliefs. Book reviews and reading level information can be found on the internet (Goodreads, Amazon, Rotten Tomatoes, etc.).

### **HHS LA 9 - Recommended Reading List**

*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*— Adams, Douglas

*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* – Beah, Ismael

*The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold and the 1936 Berlin Olympics*-  
Brown, Daniel James

*The Good Earth* — Buck, Pearl S.

*The Alchemist* – Coelho, Paulo

*America's Women: 400 years of Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates and Heroins* – Collins, Gail

*All the Light We Cannot See* – Doerr, Anthony

*Great Expectations* – Dickens, Charles

*Tale of Two Cities* – Dickens, Charles

*Don't Look Behind You* — Duncan, Lois

*Looking For Alaska* – Green, John

*All Creatures Great and Small* — Herriot, James

*Farewell to Manzanar* – Houston, Jeanne and Houston, James D.

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope* - Kamkwamba, William  
and Mealer, Bryan

*Second Impact* – Klass, David and Klass, Perri

*A Separate Peace* — Knowles, John

*The Martian* – Weir, Andy

*Black Boy* – Wright, Richard

*I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* – Yousafzai, Malala

*Born on a Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet

*Forgive Me*, Leonard Peacock by Matthew Quick

*Under the Feet of Jesus* by Helena Viramontes

*Ana's Story* by Jenna Bush

*Chandra's Secret* by Allan Stratton

*When I was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago