

## **Wilson County School System High School Protected Reading List**

### **The Purpose of the Wilson County Schools Protected Reading List:**

The Protected Reading List of the Wilson County School System is a list of books that are reserved for class study at specific grade levels in order to better ground students in different types of literature. At each grade level, there are both texts that students are required to study and texts that students have a choice to study as part of the student's English class. Teachers may not teach any piece of literature that is listed as protective at another grade level. This includes, but is not limited to, whole class instruction, small group instruction, independent study, literature circles/book studies, teacher read-alouds, excerpts, or videos.

### **The Goal of the Wilson County Schools Protected Reading List:**

The Wilson County School System's Reading List is designed to encourage students to read and to instill a love of reading, and to refrain from repetitiously re-reading the same pieces and types of literature. It is our intent that all students will graduate from the Wilson County School System being well read and educated. The Protected Reading List contains both literary classics and more modern works of literature, from a variety of authors. It is our hope that all students will attain a love of reading during their time as a student here in Wilson County.

**AP English III and AP English IV have separate summer reading assignments!**

### **Protected Reading Choices 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Standard classes will choose one book from this list to read, and honors classes will read two books from this list **during the course of the class**. Honors students may be required to read one book as a class per the teacher's discretion, but they will have a choice to the other book they wish to read.

1. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Haddon)
2. Speak (Anderson)
3. Death Be Not Proud (Gunther)
4. Of Mice and Men (Steinbeck)
5. Member of the Wedding (McCullers)
6. The Good Earth (Buck)
7. Fahrenheit 451 (Bradbury)
8. The House on Mango Street (Cisneros)
9. I, Robot (Asimov)
10. The Secret life of Bees (Kidd)
11. The Bean Trees (Kingsolver)
12. The Old Man and the Sea (Hemingway)
13. Blood Red Horse (Grant)
14. A Bone from a Dry Sea (Dickinson)
15. Great Expectations (Dickens)

### **Protected Reading Choices 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Standard classes will read one book from this list and honors classes will read two books from this list **during the course of the class.**

1. The Jungle\*
2. A Separate Peace
3. Joy Luck Club
4. Oedipus Rex
5. Snow Falling on Cedars
6. Things Fall Apart\*
7. A Doll's House
8. The Maltese Falcon
9. Poisonwood Bible
10. The Pact
11. Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister
12. The Green Mile
13. The Lovely Bones
14. The Road
15. A Lesson Before Dying

Students enrolled in Honors World Studies may wish to read *The Jungle* and *Things Fall Apart* over the summer.

### **Protected Reading Choices 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Standard classes will read one book from this list and honors classes will read two books from this list **during the course of the class.**

1. The Scarlet Letter
2. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
3. The Great Gatsby
4. Into the Wild
5. The Grapes of Wrath
6. The Catcher in the Rye
7. The Wizard of Oz
8. Their Eyes Were Watching God
9. Death of a Salesman
10. March
11. The Rainmaker
12. The Things They Carried
13. No Country for Old Men
14. Ellen Foster
15. Beloved

**Protected Optional Reading List Recommendations 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Standard classes will read one book from this list and honors classes will read two books from this list **during the course of the class.**

1. 1984 (Orwell)
2. Heart of Darkness (Conrad)
3. Brave New World (Huxley)
4. The Mayor of Casterbridge (Hardy)
5. The Importance of Being Earnest (Wilde)
6. Pride and Prejudice (Austen)
7. Wuthering Heights (Bronte)
8. Frankenstein (Shelley)
9. Hamlet and Dating Hamlet: Ophelia's Story (Shakespeare/Fiedler)
10. Angela's Ashes (McCourt)
11. Grendel (Gardner)
12. The Mousetrap and Witness for the Prosecution (Christie)
13. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (Adams)
14. The Other Boleyn Girl (Gregory)
15. Maus I and Maus II :A Survivor's Tale (Spiegelman)