

Frequently Asked Questions about the AR Summer Reading Program

1. How can I find my AR Summer Reading book?

Each high school English teacher will be distributing list of age and grade level appropriate books. Most of these books can be found at the public library, school library or at Walden Books. Do not get abridged or condensed versions of any classics because they may not provide the adequate information needed to pass an AR quiz.

2. How many AR Summer Reading books are required?

- a. Students **MUST** choose a book off of their rising grade level list. Rising freshman, sophomores, and juniors are required to read one book. All rising seniors, including joint enrollment students, have one required reading – plus a book of their choice that is: 6th grade level or above, not been previously assignment, and has an AR test.

3. What must I do to take an AR extracurricular quiz?

- a. Students are not to bring anything into the computer lab with them. Students may also take an AR test with any High School English teacher during the first full week of school. All quizzes must be taken by Friday, August 22, 2008.

4. Are there any special rules I need to remember when actually taking the tests?

- a. While testing, be sure to read all choices before selecting an answer. You may not return to a previous screen to change or re-read an answer. Do not humiliate yourself by trying to take a test on a book that you have not actually read. **You must score a 70% or higher on your test to pass.** You may not re-take any test. If you fail a test, you will be required to read another book and take another test to meet the summer reading requirements.

5. May I take short cuts, such as relying on Cliff or Spark Notes, a friend, or a movie?

- a. No. If a teacher suspects that you did not actually read the book, he/she has the prerogative of revoking any points that you have earned. Your integrity is at stake and that is more important than any grade you may receive.

6. What happens if I don't meet the deadline or don't pass the test?

- a. That is a very real possibility. If you cannot meet the deadline or pass a quiz, you will receive an incomplete for the class until a quiz is passed.

7. What is the point of having Accelerated Reader or Summer Reading books?

- a. This program will continue to allow students to make improvements with their reading skills. Accelerated Reader has programs that assess comprehension, reading level, and reading skills – knowledge that is pertinent to doing well on the SAT. Furthermore, this gives students a chance to read texts that they may not typically choose and engage in classic novels that open the possibilities to create life-long learners.