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A letter about the importance of reading to all parents and students:

The Chicopee Comprehensive High School English Department has required students to read during the summer for several years. Why? Numerous literacy studies have documented the value of reading regularly and widely

- to increase the reader's vocabulary
- to expand the reader's comprehension
- to sharpen the reader's critical thinking
- to prepare the reader for life beyond high school

The department faculty have worked to stimulate interest in reading by adding a number of new titles to this year's summer reading selections. We encourage you to read as many of the selections as you can; however, all students are required to read one work of fiction and one work of nonfiction from the lists appropriate to the English class that the student will take in the fall.

The lists and the corresponding links to the study guides for each work are here on the Chicopee Comprehensive High School library web site thanks to the efforts of the English Department faculty and Mrs. Susan Crowther, school librarian.

If you have any questions about the summer reading, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cordially,

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