

**Coe-Brown Northwood Academy**  
**Summer Reading**  
**English 9 General**

**General English:** *All students enrolled in the general level course must read one of the following five books.*

**Tuesdays With Morrie – Mitch Albom**

This true story about the love between a spiritual mentor and his pupil has soared to the bestseller list as readers meet Morrie Schwartz--a one of a kind professor and are privy to intimate moments of his final days as he lies dying from a terminal illness.

**The Body of Christopher Creed – Carol Plum-Ucci**

A loner from high school has disappeared, leaving a mysterious note on the school library computer. Is he a runaway, a suicide, a murder victim? Three unlikely-paired students try to solve the mystery of Christopher Creed's disappearance by attempting to steal his diary.

**The House of the Scorpion – Nancy Farmer**

A scientist brings to life one of 36 tiny cells, resulting in Matt, a clone of a powerful drug lord. Farmer traces Matt's growing awareness of what being a clone of one of the most powerful and feared men on earth entails. Through the kindness of the only two adults who treat Matt like a human, he experiences firsthand the evils at work in Opium, and the destructive power of greed.

**The Truth About Forever- Sarah Dessen**

Macy, 16, recently witnessed her father's death and is handling it differently from her mother and sister. When she encounters a new group of friends through her summer job, Macy finds love, acceptance, a renewed sense of self and a chance to reconnect with her mother.

**Travel Team – Mike Lupica**

Danny is a basketball fanatic, smart, talented, fast, and dedicated, but short. When he fails to make the seventh-grade travel team, he and the others cut from the team form their own squad, coached by his father who battles alcoholism.

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**Choosing your novel:** Be sure you select a novel that will interest you, as you will be reading it closely!

**While Reading:** Be sure to read your book closely, paying attention to the characters and events in the story. While reading, feel free to take HANDWRITTEN notes. These notes may be used on the test in class.

**Testing:** Students will be tested immediately at the start of the school year. The test will include both objective and subjective questions (multiple choice, character identification, quote identification, essay response.) You MAY USE any handwritten notes you take ON THIS EXAMINATION!

Please contact the school with any questions you may have at 942-5531.

**Coe-Brown Northwood Academy**  
**Summer Reading**  
**English 9 College Prep and Honors**

**College Prep English:** *All students enrolled in College Preparatory English 9 are required to read two books.*

For the **first** selection, students must read Tuesdays with Morrie, by Mitch Albom. This true story about the love between a spiritual mentor and his pupil has soared to the bestseller list as readers meet Morrie Schwartz--a one of a kind professor and are privy to intimate moments of his final days as he lies dying from a terminal illness.

For the **second** selection, students may choose an age-level appropriate fictional novel of their choice, with the consent of their parents. Students will be asked for a note from their parents at the beginning of the school year stating the name of their selected novel. You will be tested immediately at the start of school in the fall. Listed below are some suggestions of title you might choose. Remember, though, that the choice is up to you for the second novel!

LOST IN THE BARRENS – Farley Mowat  
 HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES – Arthur Conan Doyle  
 SPEAK – Laurie Halse Anderson  
 A CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN KING ARTHUR’S COURT – Mark Twain  
 APRIL MORNING – Howard Fast  
 THE CHOCOLATE WAR – Robert Cormier  
 JURASSIC PARK – Michael Crichton  
 ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY – Mildred Taylor  
 HOUSE OF THE SCORPION – Nancy Farmer  
 FANTASTIC VOYAGE – Isaac Asimov  
 THE ANDROMEDA STRAIN – Michael Crichton  
 MARKED BY FIRE – Joyce C. Thomas  
 CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME – Mark Haddon

**Honors English:** All students enrolled in Honors English 9 are required to read the two CP selections AS WELL AS Swallow the Ocean by Laura Flynn. Please see the CBNA webpage or stop by the main office for your summer reading assignment!

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Please contact the school with any questions you may have at 942-5531. The English Department has carefully chosen these texts for relevancy to the course and scrutinized them for their appropriateness. However, should your parents or guardians object to the novel assignment, please email [clasky@coebrownacademy](mailto:clasky@coebrownacademy) by July 15<sup>th</sup> for an alternate selection from the English Department.