

## Chardon Reads: Summer Reading Program 2019

### History

Modeled after “One Book, One City” and “One Book, One School” programs already active around our country, the faculty at Chardon High School decided to promote literacy and foster a sense of community by adopting a “Chardon Reads” program of our own. A faculty team met and the selection for **summer 2019** is Ruta Sepetys’ ***Salt to the Sea***.

### One Book, One School... and One Community!

In keeping with the mission of the Chardon Local Schools, “high achievement for all students, where learning is our most important work,” a rigorous summer read is required.

According to the International Reading Association (2009):

“Adolescents entering the adult world will do more reading and writing tasks than any other time in human history. They will need reading and writing to cope with the flood of information they will find in the world as it exists. They will also need to use literacy to feed their imaginations so that they can create the world of the future. In a complex and diverse world, their ability to read is crucial, and therefore, it is essential not only to help them survive, but also to help them thrive.”

We want to encourage ALL people in the community to read the summer reading book as well. If family, friends, teachers, and community leaders also read the book, they can encourage thoughtful discussion and motivation among the students.

Each summer, the school will select one book for the whole community, students and faculty alike, to read together. Our activities in each class will pertain to the book. In addition to that book, the English department asks each HONORS student to complete additional reading, dependent on the course.

Ruta Sepetys’ ***Salt to the Sea*** - From amazon.com:

**#1 New York Times bestseller and winner of the Carnegie Medal!**

**"A superlative novel . . . masterfully crafted."--*The Wall Street Journal***

**Based on "the forgotten tragedy that was six times deadlier than the *Titanic*."--*Time***

Winter 1945. WWII. Four refugees. Four stories.

Each one born of a different homeland; each one hunted, and haunted, by tragedy, lies, war. As thousands desperately flock to the coast in the midst of a Soviet advance, four paths converge, vying for passage aboard the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, a ship that promises safety and freedom. But not all promises can be kept...

**In ADDITION to *Salt to the Sea*, honors, AcaDec, and Spanish III students should complete the following reading:**

English I H: (102)

*Night* by Elie Wiesel

English II H (202):

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

English III H: (302)

**Select ONE of the following:**

Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*  
Khaled Hosseini, *The Kite Runner* **OR** *A Thousand Splendid Suns*  
Jeanette Walls, *The Glass Castle*  
James McBride, *The Color of Water*  
Sue Monk Kidd, *The Secret Life of Bees* **OR** *The Invention of Wings*  
Kurt Vonnegut, *Slaughterhouse Five*  
Tim O'Brien, *The Things They Carried*  
Kathryn Stockett, *The Help*  
Hilary Jordan, *When She Woke*  
Susan Meissner, *Fall of Marigolds*  
Emily St. John Mandel, *Station Eleven*  
Jennifer Niven, *All the Bright Places*  
Angie Thomas, *The Hate U Give*  
Cormac McCarthy, *The Road*

Brief synopses of the novels, as well as links to rating web sites, are included in the link below to assist you in selecting the book that best suits your interests.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mZktzS6Sk3OHj5JnAPjsXC4web6REsPdBwxzd6bsYj0/edit#>

AP Language (402):

**Read THREE books total:**

*Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys  
*Educated* by Tara Westover

**Read ONE of the following by Malcolm Gladwell:**

*Outliers*, *The Tipping Point* or *David and Goliath*

AP Literature (404):

**Read TWO of the following:**

*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel  
*The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield  
*The Guernsey Literary Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows  
*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak  
*The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht  
*The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern  
*This is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel

Academic Decathlon (HUM100):

The 1818 version of *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

**French and Spanish III**

In order to be better prepared for this honors course, students are encouraged to sign up for Duolingo and complete the following lessons:

Please use the following codes when logging in:

French:

Spanish: **PSWFZX** or a direct link: <https://www.duolingo.com/o/pswfzx>

\*\*For Spanish students, you are encouraged to complete the first 3 checkpoints.

