

# Summer Reading 2008

## English I

### Summer Reading Texts

All incoming Freshmen at Salesian must read **at least one** of the following books before school begins in August.

*Kindred*, by Octavia Butler

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, by Mark Haddon

*Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson

*The Compassion of Animals*, by Kristin VanKreisler

### Summer Reading Assignments

After reading your novel, please select **one** of the following projects and follow the formatting guidelines below. This assignment is due on the first day of class (even if it's a short day). Please follow the paper formatting guidelines below. Direct any questions to Ms. Trott (strott@salesian.com).

1. Extend the story. What happens next? Remember to be as consistent as you can with the personalities, wishes and interests of the characters. You can introduce new characters, move them to a new location, etc. Your new ending for the story should be between 2-4 pages.
2. Design a new book jacket (cover) for the book. The front cover should include images, the title, and the author. Consider symbolism and imagery from the book that stood out to you. On the inside front flap, the book jacket should include a brief author biography. The back cover should be a synopsis (don't include the book's ending) written to entice the reader to pick up the book and read it.
3. Write a book report in the form of a letter to a friend (a real friend, someone you know). Your letter must include your opinions of and an analysis of a character, the story's plot, and the ending of the book. Although you're writing to a friend, use proper grammar, punctuation and spelling. Your letter should be between 2-4 pages.

### Formatting Rules for Assignments (excluding #2)

- Please use only Times New Roman, 12 point font
- Double space
- Type assignment
- Head your paper using the heading below

In the left top corner of the paper:

Name

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Teacher's name

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