



# Pocono Mountain School District

*Office of Curriculum and Instruction*

*East Junior High School*

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In an effort to keep you informed with regard to curricular content, the Pocono Mountain School District would like to share with you the list of literary works which your freshman will be studying in his or her ninth grade English Language Arts course this school year. The titles are as follows:

*Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare  
*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck  
*Night* by Elie Weisel  
*The Odyssey* by Homer

In addition to those works listed above, Honors ELA 9 students will also be exploring *The Color of Water* by James McBride and *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.

Please understand that the works listed here serve only as the basis for what your student will be studying this year. Individual teachers will provide additional supplemental works and assignments to ensure that all students have a broad and challenging experience in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA, regardless of course level. For a comprehensive listing of the supplemental works and course content for each grade, please access the secondary curriculum link on the district website at [www.pmsd.org](http://www.pmsd.org).

Sincerely,

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