



Junior Summer Reading 2018

Greetings, rising Juniors! It is time to gear up for Seattle Prep's Summer Reading Program. We hope that you will be reading lots of books during your summer break! We have selected two books that you are required to complete this summer:

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Mudbound by Hillary Jordan

Test and Graded Discussion

During the first week of the new school year, you will take an *objective test* (multiple choice) on *Mudbound* and participate in a *graded discussion* on *The Boys in the Boat*.

Study Guide and Review Chart

A study guide for the objective test and a review chart for the graded discussion will be on the Summer Reading 2018 link on the Seattle Prep webpage by the start of summer.

More information about the objective test and graded discussion will be provided by your teachers when you start school in the fall.

Preview of Summer Books

The Boys in the Boat tells the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic games in Berlin, 1936. The emotional heart of the story lies with one rower, Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not for glory, but to regain his shattered self-regard and to find a place he can call home. The crew is assembled by an enigmatic coach and mentored by a visionary, eccentric British boat builder, but it is their trust in each other that makes them a victorious team. They remind the country of what can be done when everyone quite literally pulls together—a perfect melding of commitment, determination, and optimism.

Mudbound takes us to the 1946 south, where city-bred Laura McAllan is trying to raise her children on her husband's Mississippi Delta farm—a place she finds foreign and frightening. In the midst of the family's struggles, two young men return from the war to work the land. Jamie McAllan, Laura's brother-in-law, is haunted by his memories of combat. Ronsel Jackson, eldest son of the black sharecroppers who live on the McAllan farm, has come home with the shine of a war hero. But no matter his bravery in defense of his country, he is still considered less than a man in the Jim Crow South. It is the unlikely friendship of these brothers-in-arms that drives this powerful novel to its inexorable conclusion.



(Descriptions from Goodreads.com)

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