West Sound Academy
Summer Reading Assignment for 9th Grade

All students starting Grade 9 in Fall Semester, 2017, are required to read TWO books from the Summer Reading List for 9th Grade English (see assignment below) AND one book for 9th Grade Holistic Health:


A young man, blessed with loving parents and a safe home in a world where want and neglect abound, leaves this haven in search of himself. He joins the Samanas, a band of wandering ascetics without possessions or earthly ties. His quest unfulfilled, he descends into a life of unbounded luxury and indulgence. Where is truth? Where will his soul find true ease? In denial? In decadence? Or in some truth far greater than himself, so simple, so close to him, yet so obvious that only clear eyes may see it?

**What Should I Read for English?**

The 9th Grade Summer Reading List has books representing a variety of genres and subjects. (The list is on the Forms & Flyers page of the WSA website.) You'll be able to find these titles at your local library, bookstore, or online retailer. You should choose at least TWO books from this list to read. At the end of the summer, you will need to write a letter to your English Teacher, Gretchen Nordleaf Nelson. This letter is a great way to introduce yourself and talk about your favorite book you read over the summer. Choose ONE of the books and tell her what you liked about the book you read – or what you didn’t like. This letter should be about 200 words long and emailed to her at gnordleaf@westsoundacademy.org or delivered in person on the first day of school. Your first class project for English is going to involve your summer reading book so the more details you put in your letter the more fun you will have with your first project!

Enjoy your summer, and Happy Reading!