

Towle *NEW* Extra Credit Reading Incentive

- There will no longer be an "official" extra credit reading list (although, you may certainly refer to the current list for ideas)! Instead, students may pick books with the help of their parents and teachers. However, students **MUST** get parent and teacher approval **before** they can read a book for extra credit. The teacher has the discretion to approve or veto the book based on content, reading level, and general appropriateness.
- In any marking period, a student may earn up to 2% of extra credit in English. For each approved book a student reads in a quarter, he/she will earn .5% to be added to the final average for the quarter. You may read as many books as you like but you will only receive up to 2% (equivalent of reading 4 books) per quarter. *A student may record summer reading for the first marking period credit.* However, only books read during the second, third and fourth quarters will be eligible to earn extra credit during those quarters, respectively. *Assigned summer reading (for English or any other class' assigned reading) does **NOT** count toward extra credit.*

For example: A student's average is 91%. For having read 4 pre-approved books, he/she earns 2% which makes the average now a 93%. If he only read one book, his average would become 91.5%.

- The process for earning extra credit is as follows:
 1. The student must bring in both the book and a copy of the *Extra-Credit Reading Form* (attached) with the Title and Author of book entered and the parent's signature and date of approval.
 2. The teacher then has one week to decide if book is appropriate and return book and form to student with teacher's signature and date of approval.
 3. Once both signatures have been obtained, student may then read the book.
 4. Once book is read, the student completes the rest of the *Extra-Credit Reading Form* and submits the form by the deadline specified below. **Remember, a student may only receive credit for up to 4 books a quarter.**
- The catch, you ask? A teacher will not award extra credit if all other required schoolwork in that quarter is not completed and handed in. Extra-credit is just that, over and above the required work. It **does not replace** required work!
- The list must be turned in to your teacher **by Week 8 of each quarter**. (That means Week 8 for the first quarter, Week 17 of the second quarter, Week 26 of the third quarter and Week 34 of the fourth quarter.)
- You may participate in as few or as many quarters as you wish.

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Name _____

Extra-Credit Reading Form

Title and Author of book:

Parent Approval - please sign and date indicating that you approve your child to read this book:

Teacher Approval - please sign and date indicating that you approve the student to read this book for extra-credit:

Student Evaluation - fill in the following with a few sentences for each question:

a) What kind of book was this? What was it about? (*Give a brief description.*)

b) What did you love or hate about this book?

c) Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?