

**Brentwood Academy**  
***Summer Reading List 2010***  
**12th Grade English**

*"Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man."* Francis Bacon

**A Rationale for Summer Reading:**

- To generate interest and pleasure in reading that enriches literary and philosophical experience
- To use time not available during the school year to read classics that expand cultural literacy
- To prepare for thoughtful discussion and writing beginning the first day of class
- To encourage a lifelong love of reading

**Texts:**

*I'm a Stranger Here Myself*

Bill Bryson

**and**

*White Noise*

Don DeLillo

**General Instructions/Evaluations:**

- As you read, make notes or comments on important ideas, events, and characters. These notes will help you prepare for class discussion, tests, and in-class writing assignments at the beginning of the school year.
- A summer reading test over both texts will be given the first week of school. The memoir selection will have an evaluation grade but not in test format.

*Please remember the B.A. English policy: do not consult Cliffs Notes, Spark Notes, internet novel guides, or any other electronic or printed summaries; work with the texts themselves.*