

Summer Reading List for Upper School 2020-2021

Students and parents:

- *Each student is expected to have his or her own copy of the required summer reading novel(s) for each applicable class below. They can purchase a copy in whatever visual medium they prefer (physical hardback or paperback, e-book, et al.).*
- ***If an ISBN number is listed, be sure to purchase that specific copy. Otherwise, you are free to purchase at your own discretion.***

7th Grade

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

8th Grade

Students will read and annotate both of the following novels:

I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban

by Malala Yousafzai, with Christina Lamb

(ISBN 10: 0316322423 / ISBN 13: 978-0316322423)

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Biology

Write a one-sentence summary for each chapter. In the case the chapter is greater than 10 pages, write 2-3 sentences on a Google doc .

The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story by Richard Preston

9th Grade

English 9

All English 9 students must read and annotate:

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

In addition, students should also choose one of the following to read and annotate:

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon

When students return, *Lord of the Flies* will be discussed as part of a Socratic seminar. The book they chose will be assessed in a formal written test. Both assessments require close and thoughtful annotations of literary elements (i.e. the plot, characterization, symbolism, themes/ideas).

See the WCDS annotation guide for guidance.

10th Grade

English 10

All English 10 students will need to read and annotate both of the following books:

No One is Too Small to Make a Difference by Greta Thunberg

The Greta Thunberg Story: Being Different is a Superpower by Michael Part

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In addition to the 10th grade novels above, you will need to purchase copies of the following books, which will be read and annotated during the school year.

Fall semester (September):

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams (ISBN 13: 978-0-8112-1404-9)

Spring semester (January):

Oedipus Rex by Sophocles (Literary Touchstone Edition - ISBN 13: 978-1-58049-593-6)

Composition 10

All students who take Composition 10 must read, annotate, and bring to Composition class:

Dear Martin by Nic Stone (ISBN 13: 978-1-101-93949-9)

11th Grade

English 11

All English 11 students must read and annotate:

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

AP English Language and Composition:

In addition to the 11th grade novel listed above, all AP English Language and Composition students must read and closely annotate:

For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway

12th Grade

English 12

All English 12 students must read and closely annotate:

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

AP English Literature and Composition:

In addition to the 12th grade novel listed above, all AP English Literature and Composition students must read and closely annotate ONE of the following:

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Lastly, AP Literature students are also asked to read the book listed below. While annotation will not be required, students will be expected to know the themes, concepts and symbols Thomas Foster says are found in literature. It is expected for students to take notes on these ideas for use throughout the year.

How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines by Thomas C. Foster