

2025 WCDS Summer Reading - Grades 6-12

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. You 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.***
- Accountability for New Students
 - If you are enrolled by **June 30**, you will be expected to complete the summer reading by the first day of school. You will be assessed within the first two weeks along with your classmates.
 - If you enroll **between July 1 and August 30**, you will have until the end of the first quarter to complete the summer reading. You will be assessed at the end of the first quarter.
 - Students who enroll on or after **September 1** will not be expected to complete the summer reading but should still attend an annotation seminar.

English

Students in grades 6-12 are expected to annotate their novels. Annotations are notes that reveal the reader's connections, impressions, inferences, and even personal reactions to elements within the text. These notes are typically written in the margins, but students can also use sticky notes, highlighters, or whatever they prefer to record and organize their observations. The WCDS Annotation Guide is available on the school website if you need to see examples.

After completing your summer reading and annotations, you should be able to:

- ☐ Accurately summarize events of the plot (i.e. rising action, conflict, climax, resolution)
- ☐ Elaborate on how characters are depicted and how they develop over the course of the novel.
- ☐ Identify literary elements (figurative language, setting, irony, words with strong connotations)
- ☐ Define unfamiliar words, terms, allusions, or concepts.

Biology

The Biology summer reading novel is required for all students who will be enrolled as 9th graders as well as 10th and 11th grade students who have not taken Biology and will be enrolled in the course in the current academic year.

You will not be expected to closely annotate but will be expected to write a one-sentence summary for each chapter. In the case the chapter is more than 10 pages, write a 2-3 sentence summary. This should be completed on a Google Doc and each summary should be labeled by chapter.

Questions? Please contact **Jessica Butts** at jbutts@waynecountryday.com.

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
After reading the novel, students should be able to identify major characters and plot events.	Students will read and annotate:	Students will read and annotate:
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> by Madeline L'Engle	<i>The Outsiders</i> by S.E. Hinton <i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> by Ben Mikaelson	<i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry (ISBN-13: 978-0544336261)

<u>Biology</u>
<p><i>Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection</i> by John Green</p> <p>Write a one-sentence summary for each chapter. In the case the chapter is more than 10 pages, write a 2-3 sentence summary. Each summary should be labeled by chapter.</p> <p>This should be completed on a Google Doc.</p>

<u>English 9</u>
Students will read and annotate:
<p><i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck (ISBN-10: 0140177396 / ISBN-13: 978-0140177398)</p>
Students will <u>also</u> need to purchase a copy of the following book, which will be read and annotated at the beginning of the school year.
<p><i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding (ISBN: 978-0-14-312940-0)</p>

<u>English 10</u>	<u>Honors English 10</u>
All English 10 students will read and annotate:	All Honors English 10 students will read and annotate <u>BOTH</u> :
<p><i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel (ISBN-13 : 978-0374500016)</p>	<p><i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel (ISBN-13 : 978-0374500016)</p> <p><i>The Glass Menagerie</i> by Tennessee Williams (ISBN 13: 978-0-8112-1404-9)</p>
	All Honors English 10 students will <u>also</u> need to purchase a copy of the following book, which will be read and annotated during the Spring semester.
	<p><i>Oedipus Rex</i> by Sophocles (Literary Touchstone Edition - ISBN 13: 978-1-58049-593-6)</p>

Composition 10

All Composition 10 students need a copy of the following book for use during their semester in the course.

No One is Too Small to Make a Difference by Greta Thunberg
(Penguin Books - ISBN-10: 014313356X / ISBN-13: 978-0143133568)

English 11

All English 11 students will read and annotate:

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer

AP English Language and Composition

All AP English Language and Composition students will read and closely annotate **BOTH**:

Into the Wild by John Krakauer
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

English 12

All English 12 students will 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 will 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 will also read and take notes on the concepts in the book listed below. Students will be expected to know the themes, concepts, and symbolic patterns found in literature.

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