



Summer Reading 2019-2020

Over the summer, Seattle Academy students read specific course-assigned books. Teachers will integrate summer reading into the course work during the first weeks of class and likely throughout the term. For each grade-level, teachers have provided a link to a reading guide to accompany the reading assignment, which will provide any needed instructions. As students will use these texts at the beginning of the year, they should purchase a new or used copy to bring with them for the first days of classes.

For general questions, please contact Alison Ray, Dean of Humanities Faculty: aray@seattleacademy.org.

Additionally, we want to make sure that all students have access to summer reading texts. *If you need financial support to purchase the summer reading texts for English or History*, please email Alison Ray at the email address above and include the following information:

- (1) Your name.
- (2) Your grade level during the 2019-20 school year and the course you are enrolled in (for example: English 8 or Honors English 12: Magical Realism).
- (3) The address where your texts should be mailed.

6th Grade Required Reading

Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Reading guide included [here](#)

7th Grade Required Reading

Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram
Reading guide included [here](#)

8th Grade Required Reading

All The Right Stuff by Walter Dean Myers

Reading guide included [here](#)

9th Grade Required Reading

Neverwhere by Neil Gaiman OR

Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple

Reading guide included [here](#)

10th Grade Required Reading

The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater

Reading guide included [here](#)

11th Grade Required Readings

11th Grade English required reading list:

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer (Anchor Books, 1997)

Reading guide included [here](#)

11th Grade Honors English required reading list:

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer AND

one of the following books of poetry:

- *When My Brother Was an Aztec* by Natalie Díaz, or
- *Kingdom Animalia* by Aracelis Girmay, or
- *Deaf Republic* by Ilya Kaminsky, or
- *Oceanic* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil, or
- *Life on Mars* by Tracy K. Smith

Reading guide included [here](#)

11th Grade Honors History required reading list:

A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn (Harper, 2003: chapters 1-7, pages 1-148)

Reading guide included [here](#)

11th Grade Honors American Studies required reading list:

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry (Samuel French, 1988)

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer (Anchor Books, 1997)

American Dreams: The United States since 1945 by H.W. Brands (Penguin, 2010)

Capitalism and Freedom by Milton Friedman (University of Chicago, 2002) - read the introduction and chapters 1, 2, 6, and 7

Reading guide included [here](#)

12th Grade Required Readings (alphabetical by teacher last name)

Senior English (Standard or Honors): *Young Playwrights* (Buikema) required reading list:

Fences by August Wilson

Reading guide included [here](#)

Senior English (Honors): *The Paranoid Imagination* (Gough) required reading list:

Foucault's Pendulum by Umberto Eco

Reading guide included [here](#)

Senior English (Honors): *Roman Shakespeare* (Hajduk) required reading list:

Cymbeline by Shakespeare (Arden edition, as seen [here](#), required) and one other play by Shakespeare (your choice). Students are also encouraged to view at least one contemporary adaptation of a Shakespeare play made into a film.

Reading guide included [here](#)

Senior English (Standard): *You Are Here: Where Goes the Neighborhood?* (Hajduk) required reading list:

Read posts from [Capitol Hill Blog Seattle](#) as often as possible (online blog will remain our main text and we will meet with founder and writer, Justin Carder.)

Reading guide included [here](#)

Senior English (Honors): *War Literature: from Ancient to Modern* (Miller) required reading list:

My Life as a Foreign Country by Brian Turner AND

the following stories from *Redeployment* by Phil Klay:

- "Redeployment"
- "FRAGO"
- "OIF"
- "War Stories"
- "Unless It's a Sucking Chest Wound"

Reading guide included [here](#)

Senior English (Standard or Honors): *Magical Realism* (Ray) required reading list:

Haroun and the Sea of Stories by Salman Rushdie

The Metamorphosis, by Franz Kafka (Bernofsky translation found [here](#) preferred).

Reading guide included [here](#)

Senior English (Standard or Honors): *Mastering the Selfie: Creative Nonfiction* (Stewart-Ito) required reading list:

Bird by Bird by Anne Lamott

The Best We Could Do by Thi Bui

and 10 different poets on [Fishhouse Poems](#). (3-5 poems from each poet).

Reading guide included [here](#)

Senior English (Honors): *Tolkien's Legendarium* (Urrutia) required reading list:

The prologue "Concerning Hobbits, and other matters" and the first half of "The Fellowship of the Ring" in the bound edition of *The Lord of the Rings* as linked [here](#).

Reading guide included [here](#)

Students are encouraged to read more selections from the sources that follow, some of which will appear in the assigned reading lists for the course:

[Time Magazine's 100 Best Young Adult Books](#)

[National Endowment for the Humanities List for College-Bound Readers](#)

[Modern Library's 100 Best Novels List](#)