



Required Summer Reading 2020-2021

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 2020-2021 school year and the course you are enrolled in (for example: English 8 or English 12: Contemporary Fiction).
- (3) The address where your texts should be mailed.

Students are always highly encouraged to read more than is required, and the English department has provided a number of book recommendations for curious readers, as well as a host of other academic enrichment opportunities, [here](#).

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 of *all* students taking this course for either honors or non-honors credit)

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

Reading guide included [here](#)

11th Grade Honors History (required *only* for students taking this course for honors credit; students taking this course for non-honors credit do not have summer reading or an assignment to complete)

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, 2011)

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

Books to Film

On Directing Film by David Mamet

Reading guide included [here](#)

Contemporary Fiction

Slow Man by J. M. Coetzee

Reading guide included [here](#)

Creative Writing

Assorted poems and short stories (see reading guide for specifics)

Reading guide included [here](#)

Philosophy and Literature

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll

Reading guide included [here](#)