

Upper School Required Summer Reading 2020

Philosophy of Summer Reading

The Park Tudor Upper School summer reading assignment enhances the curriculum of the English and history departments. Instructors select age-appropriate works of fiction and non-fiction, which are assigned as mandatory reading over the summer months. The reading of commonly assigned texts, which can be immediately discussed at the beginning of the year, serves to build community in the classroom. It also provides students with a starting point to sharpen their critical thinking and analytical skills. Finally, the assigned books encourage students to participate in the abstract conversation with and between texts.

Students should complete the required reading with care, as they will be assigned work based on their reading shortly after school resumes in the fall.

English I

Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson

English I Plus

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English II

The Invention of Wings, Sue Monk Kidd

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English III

A Lesson before Dying, Ernest Gaines

English III AP

In Cold Blood, Truman Capote

English IV

Slaughterhouse-Five, Kurt Vonnegut

English IV AP

All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr

AP US History

Flapper, by Joshua Zeitz

OR

The Color of Law, by Richard Rothstein
(students should choose one)