

Stratford High School Summer Reading 2021

English IV Grade Level

****Students have the option to select one of the following to read for extra credit.**

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep (Dick)

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Haddon)

The Color Purple (Walker)

English IV Dual Credit (English 1301/1302 with Mrs. Sharp) Reading List Summer 2021

Please read a fiction or nonfiction book this summer of **your choice** that you've been wanting to read (that is **not** a children's or teen book or a book you've already read for school). Keep in mind that during the first week of school, each student will speak about his or her summer reading selection in a "book talk" presentation that is accompanied by a short slideshow. For this assignment, please do not read *Tuesdays with Morrie* or *Macbeth* since those will be assigned readings during the school year. If you want some ideas, here are some recommendations from fellow Spartans. 😊

Memoirs

Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance
I Am, I Am, I Am by Maggie O'Farrell
The Liar's Club by Mary Karr
Between Two Kingdoms by Suleika Jaouad
Elena Vanishing by Elena Dunkle, Clare B. Dunkle
The Opposite of Fate by Amy Tan
The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion
A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius
It was Me All Along by Andie Mitchell
I am Malala by Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafza
On Writing by Stephen King
When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi
Unorthodox by Deborah Feldman

Other Nonfiction

Outlaw Platoon by Sean Parnell
In Harm's Way by Doug Stanton
A Higher Call by Adam Makos
Radium Girls by Kate Moore
Code Girls by Liza Mundy
Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team by Steve Sheinkin
In the Heart of the Sea by Nathaniel Philbrick
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
Salt: A World History by Mark Kurlansky
The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas by Hunter S. Thompson
Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell
The Right Side of History by Ben Shapiro
Same Kind of Different as Me

Favorite Fiction Picks from the class of 2021 and Mrs. Sharp:

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein
Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult
The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
The Teagirl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See
Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
All in Pieces by Suzanne Young
The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See
The Woman in the Window by A. J. Finn
We the Animals by Justin Torres
The Smell of Other People's Houses by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
Beartown by Fredrik Backman
The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman
A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Never Split the Difference: Negotiating As if Your Life Depended on It by Christopher Voss and Tahira Raz
In the Country We Love by Diane Guerrero
Everything I want to do is illegal By Joel Salatin
Fall of Giants by Ken Follett
Stalking Jack the Ripper by Kerri Maniscalco
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
Running with the Giants by John C. Maxwell
The Duke and I Julia Quinn

Us Against You by Fredrik Backman
Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
The Color Purple by Alice Walker
A Bend in the Road by Nicholas Sparks
When Life Gives You Lululemons by L. Weisberger
Dune by Frank Herbert
There, There by Tommy Orange
Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah
 beautiful ruins by jesse walters
 A Gentleman in Moscow
 Into the Abyss by Carol Shaben
 The Four Winds Kristin Hannah

Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Life of Pi Yann Martel
Me, Myself, and Bob by Phil Vische
Witches Abroad by Terry Pratchett
A Hope in the Unseen by Ron Suskind
The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Reaching for the Stars by Jose M. Hernandez (nonfiction)
Stung by Bethany Wiggins
The 1632 Series by Eric Flint
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
Shogun by James Clavell

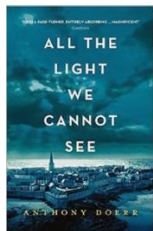
English IV AP Summer Reading

Summer 2021

Please choose one of the following contemporary novels to read and annotate over the summer. While reading, consider the different messages that the novel conveys about the human condition and the impact war has on the characters' lives as well. What happens to the human spirit when people leave the home they've always known and lose so much more? How does a character acclimate to a new environment when she is handicapped? To what extent does the protagonist go to ensure his or her own survival?

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr or *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri

Novel Summaries:

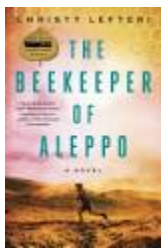


All the Light We Cannot See. From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning **Anthony Doerr**, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great-uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and dangerous jewel.

In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. More and more aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge. (pulitzer.org)

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The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

Nuri is a beekeeper; his wife, Afra, an artist. They live a simple life, rich in family and friends, in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo--until the unthinkable happens. When all they care for is destroyed by war, they are forced to escape. But what Afra has seen is so terrible she has gone blind, and so they must embark on a perilous journey through Turkey and Greece towards an uncertain future in Britain. On the way, Nuri is sustained by the knowledge that waiting for them is Mustafa, his cousin and business partner, who has started an apiary and is teaching fellow refugees in Yorkshire to keep bees.

As Nuri and Afra travel through a broken world, they must confront not only the pain of their own unspeakable loss, but dangers that would overwhelm the bravest of souls. Above all, they must journey to find each other again. (Goodreads)