

10 Honors Summer Reading Instructions 2023

1. Read one of the following fiction texts:

1984 by George Orwell
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
A Yellow Raft in Blue Water by Michael Dorris
Antigone by Sophocles (Greek drama)
In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri
It's Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini
Life of Pi by Yann Martel
Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
Song Yet Sung by James McBride
The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver

2. Read one of the following nonfiction texts:

American Sniper by Chris Kyle
Brain on Fire by Susannah Cahalan
Freakonomics by Stephen J. Dubner and Steven Levitt
From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry by Paula Yoo
Lab Girl by Hope Jahren
Night by Elie Wiesel
Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi (graphic memoir)
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

This year we are emphasizing more choice and freedom in your summer reading selections. Thus, we have compiled a list of contemporary and critically acclaimed Pre-AP texts to engage you in your quest for a deeper understanding of literature and the world in which we live. As some of the books contain mature content, we advise you to review a synopsis of the text before commencing your reading and study. If you wish to substitute a work of nonfiction or a work of fiction for the choices above, the two links below offer great suggestions. Please contact Mrs. Cracchiolo (kcracchiolo@troy.k12.mi.us) at Athens or Mrs. Opalewski (jopalewski@troy.k12.mi.us) at Troy High to request the change. **Once you return to school, we will be using the two books you read to spur discussion, check in on your reading analysis skills, and get samples of your writing to set goals for the year.**

[Most Often Cited Literature on the AP Literature Exam](#)

[What Students Will be Reading: Common Campus Round-Up Penguin House 2022/2023](#)