

## 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](mailto:kcracchiolo@troy.k12.mi.us)) at Athens or Mrs. Opalewski ([jopalewski@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto: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](#)