

# SAAS

## SEATTLE ACADEMY

### Required Summer Reading 2021-2022 Grades 6-12

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 Jason Gough, the Chair of the English Department, at [jgough@seattleacademy.org](mailto:jgough@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 Jason Gough at the email address above and include the following information:

- (1) Your name.
- (2) Your grade level during the upcoming 2021-2022 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. Please peruse the following:

- [Books recommended by faculty for students in the Middle School.](#)
- [Books recommended by faculty for students in the Upper School.](#)
- [Books recommended by students.](#)
- [Optional enrichment opportunities.](#)

## 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

*When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller  
Reading guide included [here](#)

## 9th Grade Required Reading

*Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay  
Reading guide included [here](#)

## 10th Grade Required Reading

*The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater  
Reading guide included [here](#)

## 11th Grade Required Readings

**11<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**11<sup>th</sup> 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 publishing, chapters 1-7, pages 1-148)  
Reading guide included [here](#)

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors American Studies** required reading list:

*Severance* by Ling Ma (Picador Paper, 2019)

*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, 2020) - 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](#)

### **The Graphic Novel**

*The Black Panther Party: A Graphic Novel History* by David F. Walker and Marcus Kwame Anderson

Reading guide included [here](#)

### **Philosophy and Literature**

*Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Reading guide included [here](#)