



English I: Great Traditions in Literature

Summer Reading 2022-2023

All Rising 9th Grade Students

Students entering 9th grade should CHOOSE ONE (or more) of the following novels. These are coming-of-age novels; in other words, the main themes of these novels have to do with progressing through adolescence, gaining independence, and forging an identity.

You are encouraged to annotate any passages that are relevant to these themes, as well as any passages that speak to you or strike you as particularly meaningful. We will use our summer reading to do a writing assignment at the beginning of the year; it will be helpful to have good notes so that you can readily find quotations to support your thesis.

Kidd, Sue Monk. *The Secret Life of Bees*. (2002). Penguin Books, 2003. (ISBN 9780142001740)

Hickham, Homer. *October Sky*. (1998). Dell Publishing, Random House, 1999. (ISBN 9780440235507)

Marshall, Paule. *Brown Girl, Brownstones*. (1959). Dover Publications, 2009. (ISBN 9780486468327)

Next year, the title of our course is *English I: Great Traditions in Literature*. We will be reading *Lord of the Flies*, *A Separate Peace*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. Please make sure that all your books have the correct ISBNs so that we are all working from the same books.

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