

Troy School District | English 9 | Summer Reading – 2023



“Summer reading is about holding a book in your hands. . . . about kicking off shoes, staying up much too late, reading all day with no one caring that’s what you’re doing. It’s about rushing through one to get to the next or lingering as long as you want. It’s about vicarious experiences that let us become a girl in an attic, a boy in the wilderness, a kite runner in a far-away land.”

-Kylene Beers

Rather than requiring certain books to read, it is our hope that students will select books that meet their individual interests. Parents, please assist your student in this process, as you know their reading and maturity level. Summer reading is intended to increase students’ enjoyment of reading and to encourage a habit that takes students far beyond the English classroom.

Summer Reading Guidelines:

- ❖ Students should select and read **two** books this summer. *Links are provided to different reading lists to help students read into what they love or where they want to take their reading goals.* Students do not need to have a copy of the book upon returning to school but are expected to be able to talk about the plot, characters and themes or the information they learned from Non-Fiction reading, upon returning.
 - o TSD Battle of the Books [2022](#) and [2023](#)
 - o Goodreads: [Books for Ninth Graders](#)
 - o [28 entertaining and thought-provoking YA novels that even adults will love](#)
 - o [43 Graphic Novels You Need to Read Because Yes, They Do Count as Real Books](#)
 - o [12 Terrific Novels written in verse](#)
 - o [Classics for Teens](#)
 - o [Non-Fiction](#)
 - o [Fantasy and Dystopia Best Sellers](#)

The work we do the first weeks of school will center around using summer reading to build a community of readers, reflect on our reading identities, and to set reading goals for the first semester.

Where do I get the books?

- ❖ The [Troy Public Library](#) can provide e-books, audio books, and books.
- ❖ New and used books can be purchased through [amazon.com](#), [barnesandnoble.com](#), [half.com](#), and [thriftbooks.com](#).
- ❖ Ebooks can be accessed for free through the Sora Student Reading app. Click here for instructions: https://troycoltsmediacenter.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/5/4/13549136/gettingstudentsstartedwith_sora.pdf
- ❖ Ebooks and Audiobooks can also be purchased through many online stores, including the Amazon bookstore, iTunes, or via the iBooks app.

CAPTURE YOUR THINKING

To capture your thinking, select create a Choice Activity for **each** reading choice (two activities total). We look forward to beginning the school year with students who have explored options that fit their passions and literacy goals.

English 9: Summer Reading Choice Activities

Ending Rewrite	Comic Strip	Letter of Advice	Compare/Contrast
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select a key decision made by a character in the story. Rewrite the ending to show how the story would change if the character had made a different decision. This ending should be at least one page long. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transform your story into a 10 frame comic strip You will need to select and sequence 10 plot points, and then organize them into a comic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the main conflict of the story. If the characters came to you to help resolve the conflict, what advice would you give and why? Write a letter to the character explaining your advice. Your letter should be at least a page long, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a compare/contrast chart to compare this story to one you have previously read. Note the similarities and differences in key plot points, characters, and thematic development. This chart should feature at least 5 well-developed items in each column.
Music Playlist	Children's Book	How To Manual	Theme Tracker
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a music playlist for one of the characters in your novel. You'll need 10 songs. For each song you will describe when they would listen to it, the mood, and why. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a picture book version of your novel for younger students to enjoy! You'll start by selecting and sequencing the 10 most important events of the plot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedural knowledge tells us how to do something. You can create your very own "How To" manual based on your book. Your "How To" manual should include at least 5 steps, a description of each step, and be at least a page long. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using an organizational structure like Cornell Notes or T-chart track themes or big ideas that you see in your story and pair that with scenes that reveal that theme. Example

We look forward to beginning the school year with students who have read and enjoyed two good reads

- The English 9 Teaching Team