

KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL
2022 Summer Reading
Grades 9-12

June 2022

Dear KHS Students,

This summer, you are required to read at least **one** book. You are free to select any book that interests you. Just be sure you have not read it before.

As you read, use the attached form to take notes. Bring those notes to your English class in September. Once you return to school, your teacher will ask you to share your thoughts about the book by participating in a group discussion, doing an oral presentation, or writing an essay. This assignment and the notes will be part of your first quarter grade.

Attached to this letter, you will also find a list of books nominated for the 2022 Nutmeg Book Award. You might start there if you need some suggestions. Of course, you could find one at your local public library. You might also visit your local library's website and check out an audiobook or ebook.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students entering grades 10, 11, or 12 who registered for honors or AP-level English classes will receive additional required summer reading and are responsible for completing both assignments.

We look forward to meeting you in September and discussing the books we've read.

Enjoy your summer!
Killingly High School English Department

Remember:
1) Read a book.
2) Take notes.
3) Bring your notes to English class.

Name _____ Date _____

Literary Elements	Notes
Title, author, publication date	
Setting: Include both place and time	
Major characters: Identify the main character(s) and qualities or personality traits of the character(s).	
Point of View: Who is telling the story?	
Plot: Note significant events.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.4.5.6.
Conflicts: Identify the conflict(s) that are central to the work. What are the problems or issues facing the main character?	
Resolution: How are the conflicts resolved? How does it end?	

<p>Themes: Work toward developing general ideas about the author’s intended meaning and/or specific statements about the author’s central idea.</p> <p>What does the author want the reader to think about?</p>	
<p>Quotes/passages: Record important or thought-provoking excerpts of the text.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4.
<p>Final thoughts: Was this text similar to any other work you have read or seen? What makes this text different from others you have read?</p>	

2022 Nutmeg Book Award High School Nominees

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Cosmoknights (Book One) by Hannah Templer

Pan's world isn't as small as she once believed when a pair of off-world gladiators show up on her doorstep for help. Pan joins the ragtag group of LGBTQ+ individuals to fight the medieval-style patriarchy and find her long lost best friend.



A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer

One minute Harper's playing lookout for her brother's shady dealings, and the next she's whisked away to a distant enchanted land and a curse that only she can break. Can Harper help Prince Rhen slay the beast and break the curse? Or is she doomed to stay in Emberfall forever?



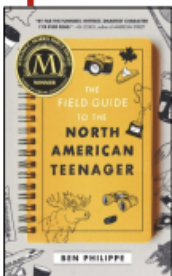
Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

When Darius travels to Iran to visit his family, he struggles to fit in as the odd member out. But over time he learns how to make new friends and come to terms with his depression.



Eliza and Her Monsters by Francesca Zappia

Eliza is the creator of a famous webcomic. Wallace is a new student at her school and one of the most popular writers of fanfic centered around her webcomic. He doesn't realize that she is the comic's creator—and revealing that secret could have disastrous consequences for both of them.



The Field Guide to the North American Teenager by Ben Philippe

Norris moves from Montreal to Austin, Texas, where he reluctantly starts at a new high school. Armed with sarcasm and snark, he catalogs the various groups in his school while struggling to form new friendships.

The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys

Spain 1957, General Francisco Franco controlled all aspects of Spanish society. While visiting Spain with his parents, Daniel, an American teenager with a passion for photography, becomes intertwined with Ana, who works at his hotel. Together, they discover one the Franco regime's dark secrets.



Grimoire Noir

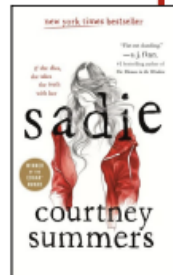
by Vera Greentea & Yana Bogatch

Bucky Orson lives in Blackwell, a gloomy town, home to witches. When his little sister is kidnapped because of her powers, Bucky tries to find her and while searching, discovers his town's dark past.



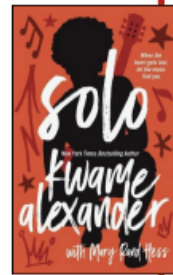
Sadie by Courtney Summers

Sadie and her sister, Mattie, live on their own in a small town. When Mattie goes missing and winds up dead, Sadie is determined to do a better job than the police to catch her killer. Podcast host West McCray follows the mystery when Sadie herself goes missing.



Solo by Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess

The son of a wealthy but washed-up rock star with an addiction to drugs, Blade Morrison narrates a lyrical struggle to find himself and where he belongs.



When My Heart Joins the Thousand

by A. J. Steiger

If Alvie Fitz can make it to her eighteenth birthday, without issues, she'll be emancipated, otherwise she'll end up in a group home. She meets Stanley and finds herself getting closer to him. But Alvie needs to find the strength to face her past to have a chance at happiness.

