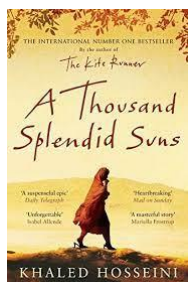


Summer Reading for English 10

This summer, you will read one or both of the suggested novels below. You will begin the school year with writing and discussions pertaining to the reading.

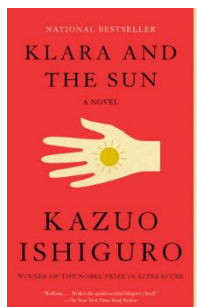
We are excited to share these books with you. As you continue to grow up, we hope you will begin to look beyond your immediate environment to understand people and cultures and situations that may, at first glance, feel very different from your lived experience. Literature is a wonderful avenue to widen our horizons and help us encounter other. Sometimes, ironically, while we gain this window into lives so different from our own, we are simultaneously struck by our common, shared humanity. Happy reading!

Read and annotate one or both of the following novels:



A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Hosseini traces two generations of characters during thirty, war-torn years in Afghanistan. An unlikely, but stirring friendship between two women is at the heart of this story, a friendship that binds them together despite poverty, violence, and Taliban oppression. It is an intimate look at life in Afghanistan and a deeply moving tale of sacrifice and love.



Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

Ishiguro's novel is narrated by Klara, an Artificial Friend who studies the humans around her to learn and adapt to her environment. When she leaves her storefront for a new life as the AF of an adolescent girl, Klara changes the lives of the people around her. Klara is an unforgettable narrator and Ishiguro's novel challenges us to consider what we believe about love, friendship, and belonging.

Context for Challenging Texts

In the pursuit of understanding what it means to be human, in humanities courses, including English classes, rigor often manifests in complex, provocative, sometimes ambiguous, personally and emotionally challenging material and discussions.

Books in English courses, including these summer reading selections, will include ugly and beautiful moments and reveal stories of complex individuals in nuanced and, we believe, compelling ways.