

Summer Reading 2022 for students entering English 1 (Freshmen)

Dear students,

For the upcoming school year, you are expected to spend some time reading over the summer, choosing for yourself what you would like to read, with the goal of completing at least one substantial book. The idea is to keep up your reading habits and to be ready to share ideas when we meet as an English class in August.

Directions:

- Select a book, such as a novel or nonfiction text (memoir, biography, science or history based account, etc.) that you wish to read. As there is no required title, it is up to you to decide what you want to read. If you are not enjoying it, change the book!
- Aim to read for a minimum of 20 minutes a day.
- **Complete at least one substantial, new-to-you, grade appropriate book (minimum 150 pages) over the summer break.**
- Be ready to write about and discuss your reading during the first week of school. You WILL be asked to engage in a mini-project based on your reading.

Why should you read for 20 minutes every day?

One of the downfalls of summer vacation is a long-studied concern in the field of education that is known as "summer loss". This refers to the fact that while out of school for an extended period of time, students lose some of the knowledge and skills that they had gained during the school year. One of the most enjoyable ways to combat this is by developing a habit of sustained reading. Sustained reading means that you read daily and that you read texts of length (a novel, a collection of short stories, a book of poetry, a graphic novel) as opposed to shorter pieces (such as a magazine article, a blog post, a sports report or a newspaper story). This is not to say that shorter texts lack value, but simply that they should not make up the only reading that you engage in.

Mostly, the idea is to choose texts that YOU want to read! There is a world of reading out there...

There are hundreds of books (fiction or nonfiction) that are suitable for your summer reading!

The links below offer some suggested titles with descriptions:

The Ultimate Teen Bookshelf

<https://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/professionaltools/yabookshelf.pdf>

Goodreads Suggestions

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/9th-grade-reading-list>

<https://k-12readinglist.com/reading-lists-for-high-school-students/reading-list-for-9th-grade-students-age-14-15/>