

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

Books are available for purchase from whatever source you choose. You may also purchase them on the Xavier Online Bookstore, or students may purchase or borrow the book from another source to save money. Also, please use the ISBN number listed; students should read the specific version listed.

We strongly recommend that students annotate as they read. There will be assessments of the students' reading in September, and annotations will be extremely helpful in preparing for those assessments. We encourage students to use post-its and sticky notes as well as highlighters with notes in the margins of the books. Assessments will range from written essays to more creative projects, depending on the teacher and level of study.

SCHOOL-WIDE READ (Coordinated by the Religion Department)

All students will read *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho PLUS the books listed below.

Incoming Freshmen:

ENGLISH 9 students will read a total of **TWO BOOKS** as follows:

ALL STUDENTS READ:

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood - Trevor Noah (not the middle school version) **ISBN-10:** 0399588191

STUDENTS WILL THEN CHOOSE ONE MORE BOOK FROM THIS LIST:

The Hound of the Baskervilles - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle **ISBN-10:** 0451528018

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian - Sherman Alexie **ISBN-10:** 9780316013697

Peak - Roland Smith **ISBN-10:** 0152062688

HONORS ENGLISH 9 students must **read 4** books:

1.) *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* - Trevor Noah (not the middle school version) **ISBN-10:** 0399588191

2.) **Students will choose TWO of the following:**

- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* - Sherman Alexie **ISBN-10:** 9780316013697

- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle **ISBN-10:** 0451528018

- *A Separate Peace* - John Knowles **ISBN-10:** 0743253973

Rising Sophomores:

SOPHOMORES (2 books):

The Complete Persepolis –Marjane Satrapi **ISBN-13:** 978-0-375-71483-2

“Master and Man” –Leo Tolstoy - **ISBN-13** : 978-1981521630

HONORS SOPHOMORES (3 books) - All students must read these two books in addition to the school-wide read:

The Three Theban Plays: Antigone, Oedipus the King, and Oedipus at Colonus, **ISBN-10** : 0140444254

Never Let Me Go –Kazuo Ishiguro **ISBN-10**: 9781400078776

“Master and Man” –Leo Tolstoy - **ISBN-13** : 978-1981521630

Rising Juniors:

JUNIORS (2 books):

1.) *Kindred* – Octavia Butler (a novel) **ISBN-10**: 0807083690

2.) *Sigh Gone: A Misfit's Memoir of Great Books, Punk Rock, and the Fight to Fit In* - by Phuc Tran (a memoir) **ISBN-13**: 978-1250194718

JOURNALISM (Elective):

Nickel and Dimed - Barbara Ehrenreich **ISBN-10**: 0312626681 **ISBN-13**: 978-0312626686

JUNIORS - AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION (3 books)

Master Harold and the Boys - Athol Fugard **ISBN-10**: 9780307475206

Sigh Gone: A Misfit's Memoir of Great Books, Punk Rock, and the Fight to Fit In - by Phuc Tran (a

memoir) **ISBN-13** : 978-1250194718

Choose 1 non-fiction book by Malcolm Gladwell from the following 5 titles:

Blink *David and Goliath* *Outliers* *The Tipping Point* *Talking to Strangers*

Also - please read other items you are interested in. Your teacher will ask about what you are reading for enjoyment in addition to these required titles.

Seniors:

SENIORS – AP LITERATURE (3 books):

We Are Not Ourselves – Matt Thomas **ISBN-10**: 1476756678

No Country for Old Men – Cormac McCarthy **ISBN-10**: 0375706674

The Picture of Dorian Gray - Oscar Wilde **ISBN - 13** 978-1949460902

SENIOR ELECTIVES:

Irish Literature / Literature in Film (1 book)

Brooklyn - Colm Toibin **ISBN-13** : 978-1439148952

Modernism / Imprisonment (1 book)

A Moveable Feast - Ernest Hemingway **ISBN-10**: 143918271X

Struggle Against Oblivion / The Rise and Reign of the Antihero (3 items)

The Book of Ecclesiastes

The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John)
The Horla – Guy de Maupassant

Surviving / Soldiers Stories (1 book)

Miracle in the Andes – Nando Parrado ISBN-10: 9781400097692

Voices of the Harlem Renaissance/The Dream Deferred (2 books)

Black No More By George Schuyler ISBN-10 : 1420963546 ISBN-13 : 978-1420963540

How to Be Black By Baratunde Thurston ISBN-10 : 0062003224

Creative Writing

Pastoralia - George Saunders ISBN-10: 1573228729 ISBN-13: 978-1573228725