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 **3 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):**


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

Rising Juniors:

JUNIORS (2 books):
1.) Kindred – Octavia Butler (a novel) ISBN-10: 0807083690

JOURNALISM (Elective):

JUNIORS - AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION (3 books)

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

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

SENIOR ELECTIVES:

Irish Literature / Literature in Film (1 book)


Modernism / Imprisonment (1 book)


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)


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

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