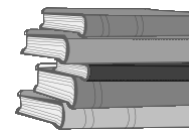




## SMCHS Summer Reading List 2024-2025



During the first week of class in August, you will address the required summer reading literary works and be assessed on them. Please note that movie versions of these literary works are often significantly different from the sources. **Please buy only the versions with the ISBN numbers listed below.** It is important that your copy matches your teacher's and your classmates' copies. You must bring the literary works the first day of class in August. It is useful to keep a reading log or journal as you read, make notes about the characters, plot, setting, and your feelings about the literary works.

Summer literary works are not available for purchase in the Eagles' Nest Campus Store but can be purchased from local bookstores. Local bookstores will gladly order any literary works not in stock. Literary works can also be purchased from a variety of Internet booksellers, including the following:

[www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) | [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) | [www.alibris.com](http://www.alibris.com)

### Incoming 9th Grade

#### English 1

##### *Code Talker*

Joseph Bruchac

ISBN: 978-0142405963

The packet must be hand-written, printed, and ready for submission on the first day of school.

1. From the English Summer Reading webpage, please download the **"Guide to Active Reading"** and **"How to Annotate"** for instruction and assistance as you read. You are to annotate, highlight, and use marginalia of the text.
2. **Using the packet provided on the department website**, read directions carefully and complete the packet using complete sentences. Be mindful of the necessary time and effort as some questions require research and in-depth analysis. The packet is due the first full day of class.

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#### English 1 Honors *(The English Department will notify you if you have been placed in Honors.)*

##### *The Odyssey*

Homer

ISBN-13: 978-0140268867

1. Download the **"Guide to Active Reading"** from the **English Summer Assignment** page on the SM website, under the "Academics" tab.
2. Carefully read, highlight, and annotate the text.
3. Read, highlight, and annotate BOTH literary criticisms on *The Odyssey*, found on the English page under "Summer Assignments" on the SM website.
4. You will write a critical review/summary of each criticism. For each summary, identify the critic's thesis in your topic sentence. In other words, what is the primary focus of the critic's argument? The remainder of the summary should PARAPHRASE the critic's argument, with at least 3 direct quotations from the criticism as evidence of the argument.
5. Each critical review should be typed (Times New Roman 12 font, double-spaced) on a separate page and should be a minimum of one page in length.

**THIS ASSIGNMENT IS DUE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. YOU WILL BE TESTED ON THE TEXT AND WRITE AN ESSAY DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

## Incoming 10th Grade

### English 2

*I Must Betray You*

Ruta Sepetys

ISBN 13 - 978-1984836038

Active reading includes highlighting, annotating, and marginal notations. Download the "Guide to Active Reading" from the SMCHS website for suggestions.

Refer back to the main page for specific assignment instructions.

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### English 2 Honors

*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* translated by Simon Armitage ISBN-13: 978-0393334159

Closely read and annotate Simon Armitage's translation of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. Pay especially close attention to the imagery of Gawain's shield, the pentangle, the hart, the boar, the fox, and the green girdle. Come to class ready to discuss your interpretations of these symbols and the way in which they suggest meaning.

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## Incoming 11th Grade

### English 3

*The Catcher in the Rye*

J.D. Salinger

ISBN: 978-0-316-76917-4

You are required to read the text ACTIVELY (highlight and annotate with marginalia). Annotations will be checked for a grade the first day of school. Download the "Guide to Active Reading" from the SMCHS website for suggestions. Use active reading techniques, and trace the key characters/symbols/themes in the novel. This information will be used to craft your first writing assignment of the school year which will be done within the first two weeks of school. If you do not read the novel, you will be at a distinct disadvantage when school begins.

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**AP English Language & Composition  
English A1 HL 1 IB**

Please refer to **English 3 AP/IB** on the English summer assignments web page.

**Incoming 12th Grade**

**English 4 British Literature**

*Beowulf*

*Online text - see link on summer assignment web page*

Students should refresh their annotating skills by reviewing the "How to Annotate" document posted on the English Department web page and on the SMCHS website. Close reading and proper annotation of texts is a course expectation and will be graded.

Please check the assignment noted on the summer assignment page.

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**English Literature & Composition AP  
English A1 HL 2 IB**

*1984*

George Orwell

ISBN-13:978-0-452-28423-4

**Assignment:**

Critically read *1984*, highlighting and annotating. Be prepared to discuss the novel during the first full week of school.