



English I: Great Traditions in Literature

Summer Reading 2024-2025

All Rising 9th Grade Students

Students entering 9th grade should CHOOSE ONE of the following novels. These are coming-of-age novels; in other words, the main themes of these novels have to do with progressing through adolescence, gaining independence, and forging an identity. You are encouraged to annotate any passages that are relevant to these themes. We will use our summer reading to do a writing assignment at the beginning of the year.

Kidd, Sue Monk. *The Secret Life of Bees*. (2002). Penguin Books, 2003. (ISBN 9780142001740)

Hickam, Homer. *October Sky*. (1998). Dell Publishing, Random House, 1999. (ISBN 9780440235507)

Next year, the title of our course is *English I: Great Traditions in Literature*. Please make sure you have purchased the correct versions of the following books:

Golding, William. *Lord of the Flies*. (1954). Penguin Books, 2006. (ISBN 9780399501487)

Knowles, John. *A Separate Peace*. (1959). Scribner, 2003. (ISBN 9780743253970)

Austen, Jane. *Pride and Prejudice*. (1813). Penguin Books, 2014. (ISBN 9780141439518)

Shakespeare, William. *Romeo and Juliet*. (1597). The Folger Shakespeare Library: Simon and Schuster Paperbacks, 2011. (ISBN 9781451621709)

Fifer, Norma and Flowers, Nancy. *Vocabulary from Classical Roots - B*. Educators Publishing Service, 2003. (ISBN 9780838822548)

MLA Handbook - 9th Edition. Modern Language Association of America, 2021. (ISBN 9781603293518).

Wordsworth Bookstore in the Heights has all the correct versions of these books. Please note that Amazon will ship you whatever copy of the book they have on hand and it will not necessarily be the version you looked up.

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