

May 6, 2024

Dear CHCA Parents and Students:

The English Department requires summer reading by students to foster growth in vocabulary development and complex reading skills and to ready students for class work. The assigned reading will form the basis for an assessment and/or writing assignment during the first weeks of school. A student's summer reading assignment depends on their English class. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and in AP English Language and Composition (11<sup>th</sup> grade) need to see their additional posted documents for information. **In addition, some classes have listed the materials that students should bring to their first day of school.**

All students in 9-12, please be aware that there will also be an early first quarter grade when you are required to produce a Cincinnati Hamilton County Public Library card. Apply online or at any branch.

Parents,

We want you to know that these books have all been thoughtfully chosen and reviewed to challenge students and to provide a foundation to start the next academic year. Thank you for supporting your student(s) in locating the literature and encouraging them to complete the reading. Should you have any questions about the list, contact Ms. Michelle Barron, English Department Chair, by email [michelle.barron@chca-oh.org](mailto:michelle.barron@chca-oh.org) before June 7<sup>th</sup> or after August 7<sup>th</sup>.

In His Service,

Upper School English Department 7-12

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**Summer reading for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade English:**

- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- Please see the 7<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading document for more information.

**Summer reading for all students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade English:**

- *Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptations)* by Laura Hillenbrand
- Please see the 8<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading document for more information.

**Summer reading for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade English:**

- *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway

**Summer reading for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade VT English:**

- *The Once and Future King* by T.H. White (This is a long text, and students should give themselves enough time to read it.)
- Students should bring a three-ring binder and loose-leaf paper to their first class.

**Summer reading for students entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade English:**

- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

**Summer reading for students entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade VT English:**

- *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
- Students should bring a three-ring binder and loose-leaf paper to their first class.

**Summer reading for students entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade English:**

- *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

**Summer reading for students entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English:**

- *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
- *Fools Crow* by James Welch
- Students should bring a three-ring binder and loose-leaf paper to their first class.

**Summer reading for students entering Advanced Placement English 11:**

- *Fools Crow* by James Welch
- *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau
- Students need to check the AP English 11 document for their writing assignment.
- Students should bring a three-ring binder and loose-leaf paper to their first class.

**Summer reading for students entering British Literature 12 (semester 1 or 2):**

- *Silence* by Shusaku Endo
- College application essay due in August— for prompts see email from college counselors sent to both you and your parents.

**Summer reading for students entering Honors British Literature 12 (semester 1 or 2):**

- *Silence* by Shusaku Endo
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- College application essay due in August— for prompts see email from college counselors sent to both you and your parents.

**Summer reading for students entering Advanced Placement English 12:**

- *Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- College application essay due in August— for prompts see email from college counselors sent to both you and your parents.