



ENGLISH I

City of Ember by Jeanne DePrau

AND

Choice Read: Pick a young adult (YA) novel that you find interesting and that meets these requirements:

- Must be geared for your age/grade level
- Must be a novel (fiction)
- Must have been first printed in 2023, starting in January of this year. We want you to choose something new, not something you have already read
- Must be a minimum of 150 pages
- Must be approved by your parents or guardians. Don't read a book that your parent or guardian doesn't want you to read. The current trend in YA literature is realism, which may mean profanity or sexual situations. If you or your parent/guardian are unsure whether the novel you have chosen is acceptable by their standards, check the following website:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

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ENGLISH I HONORS

The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge

AND

Choice Read: Pick a novel that you find interesting that meets the requirements listed below:

- Must be YA (young adult), geared for your age/grade level
- Must be a novel (fiction)
- Must be a novel you have not read before for another class or independently
- Must be a selection you can justify as having comedic (funny, light, happy ending) elements
- Must be a minimum of 150 pages
- Must be approved by your parents. Any novel that meets the criteria above will fulfill the assignment, but please don't choose a text that doesn't meet with parent/guardian approval. The current trend in YA literature is realism, which means some novels may contain profanity or sexual situations. If you or your parents/guardians are unsure whether the novel you have chosen is acceptable by your family's standards, please use the following website to check.

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ENGLISH II

Between the Shades of Grey by Ruta Sepetys

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ENGLISH II HONORS

Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

AND

Choice Read: YA (Young Adult) novel or bestseller novel of choice. Your selection should be geared towards your age/grade level.

- Must be a novel (fiction)
- Must have been first printed in 2014 or later. (Choose something new to you, not something you have already read.)
- Must be a minimum of 150 pages.
- Must purchase a physical copy of the novel.
- Must be approved by your parents.

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ENGLISH III

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

AND

Choice Read: YA (Young Adult) novel or bestseller novel of choice. Your selection should be geared towards your age/grade level.

- Must be a novel (fiction)
- Must be written by an American author
- Must have been first printed in 2016 or later (Choose something new to you, not something you have already read.)
- Must be a minimum of 150 pages
- Must purchase a physical copy of the novel
- Must be approved by your parents

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ENGLISH III HONORS

The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

AND

Choice Read: YA (Young Adult) novel or bestseller novel of choice. Your selection should be geared towards your age/grade level.

- Must be a novel (fiction)
- Must be written by an American author
- Must have been first printed in 2016 or later (Choose something new to you, not something you have already read.)
- Must be a minimum of 150 pages
- Must purchase a physical copy of the novel
- Must be approved by your parents

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ENGLISH III AP

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

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Choice Read: Choose an autobiography or biography written for an adult audience that you have not read before and that meets the following requirements:

- Must be 150 pages
- The subject of the book has had some level of social, political or ideological impact on the world
- Your parents must approve your choice

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ENGLISH IV

Choice Read: Pick a novel that you find interesting that meets the requirements below:

- New York Times bestseller choice (geared towards your age group)
- Must be fiction
- Must stand alone (no books in a series)
- Must have been printed in 2024
- Must be a minimum of 150 pages
- You must choose something new to you, not something you have already read
- Your parents must approve your choice

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ENGLISH IV HONORS

The Importance of Being Ernest by Oscar Wilde

Wife of Bath's Tale by Geoffrey Chaucer

(Free copies can be found online)

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ENGLISH IV DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students should choose one of the following:

Finding Gobi by Dion Leonard and Craig Borlase

OR

Wild Ride by Hayley Arceneaux

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ENGLISH IV AP

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

AND

Choice Read: Choose a novel written for an adult audience that you have not read before and that in your judgment meets any four or more of College Board's criteria for literary merit as condensed below. A novel is a book-length work of fiction: no memoirs, no plays, no non-fiction.

- Written to entertain, not merely to instruct
- Cannot be confined to any single genre of fiction
- Has been judged to have artistic quality by the literary community (literary merit award winners and finalists are a great place to start looking: Pulitzer, Nobel, National Book Award, etc.)
- Has stood the test of time in some way, regardless of date of publication
- Shows thematic depth
- Demonstrates innovation in narration, structure, characterization or other literary elements (Read book reviews for newer texts to help make this determination before you read.)
- Has arguably had a social, political or ideological impact since its publication
- Themes and insights are arguably timeless, not limited to a single time period

Authors to consider: Chimamanda Adiche, Margaret Atwood, Anne Bronte, Kate Chopin, Charles Dickens, EM Forster, Ernest Hemingway, Khaled Hosseini, Kazuo Ishiguro, Joy Kogowa, Toni Morrison, Viet Thanh Nguyen, Flannery O'Connor, Alice Walker, Jesmyn Ward, Edith Wharton

Please don't panic over your selection! Use College Board's criteria to choose something you will enjoy, double check with your parents that it aligns with your family's values and read away. Part of the fun will be debating and defending the literary merit of your choice read with your classmates.

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