

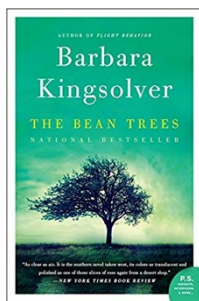
Summer Reading for English 10

This summer, you will read one (or more!) of the suggested novels below. You will begin the school year with writing and discussions pertaining to the reading.

Literature is a wonderful avenue to widen our horizons and help us encounter others. Sometimes, ironically, while we gain this window into lives very different from our own, we are simultaneously struck by our common, shared humanity. One goal of these fiction novels is to introduce stories that center personal journeys and individuals who approach challenges with curiosity, a quest for what is right, and a willingness to accept responsibility for others.

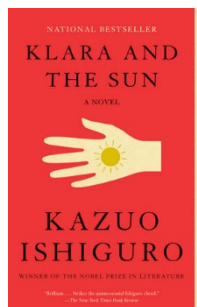
Happy reading!

Choose at least ONE of the following books.



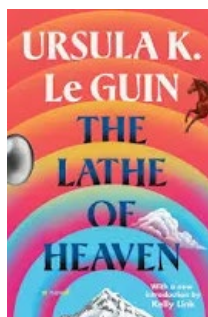
The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver

Born and raised in rural Kentucky native Missy Greer wants to get away from her roots and avoid getting pregnant. She succeeds, but inherits a 3-year-old little girl named Turtle along the way. Together, the two search for a new life; out of money and seemingly out of options, the two eventually reach dusty Tucson, Arizona and Jesus Is Lord Used Tires. Through a journey of love and friendship, abandonment and belonging, Kingsolver's characters strive to make the right choices even when life is unfair and unjust.



Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

Ishiguro's novel is narrated by Klara, an Artificial Friend who studies the humans around her to learn and adapt to her environment. When she leaves her storefront for a new life as the AF of an adolescent girl, Klara changes the lives of the people around her. Klara is an unforgettable narrator and Ishiguro's novel challenges us to consider what we believe about love, friendship, and belonging.



The Lathe of Heaven by Ursula Le Guin

During a time racked by war and environmental catastrophe, George Orr discovers his dreams alter reality. George is compelled to receive treatment from Dr. William Haber, an ambitious sleep psychiatrist who quickly grasps the immense power George holds. After becoming adept at manipulating George's dreams to reshape the world, Haber seeks the same power for himself. George—with some surprising help—must resist Haber's attempts, which threaten to destroy reality itself. A classic of the science fiction genre, *The Lathe of Heaven* is prescient in its exploration of the moral risks when overwhelming power is coupled with techno-utopianism.

Context for Texts

In the pursuit of understanding what it means to be human, in humanities courses, including English classes, rigor often manifests in complex, provocative, sometimes ambiguous, personally and emotionally challenging material and discussions. Books in English courses, including these summer reading selections, will include ugly and beautiful moments and reveal stories of complex individuals in nuanced and, we believe, compelling ways.