

ENGLISH 11 SUMMER READING 2024-2025

As you embark on your summer adventures, we ask that you continue your literary journey by exploring a novel, play, or short story collection by one of the American authors listed below.

You are only required to read and annotate one text, but as you make your selection be discerning readers. Your goal is to find and read a title you believe you can write about. If you do not enjoy a novel after the first fifty pages, search for one until you do!



During the first two weeks of class, you will complete a graded writing sample for your teacher (Mr. Peterson or Mrs. Haugen). **We recommend that you note several significant pages or passages you find interesting** and where you might focus your analysis.

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| Allende, Isabelle | LeGuin, Ursula |
| Alvarez, Julia | McCarthy, Cormac |
| Baldwin, James | Morrison, Toni |
| Cather, Willa | Miller, Arthur (any text with the exception of <i>The Crucible</i>) |
| Chopin, Kate | Moraga, Cherrie |
| Crane, Stephen | O'Brien, Tim |
| Danticat, Edwidge | Silko, Leslie Marmon |
| Dreiser, Theodore | Smiley, Jane |
| Ellison, Ralph | Stegner, Wallace |
| Faulkner, William | Steinbeck, John |
| Hawthorne, Nathaniel | Styron, William |
| Hemingway, Ernest | Tan, Amy |
| Irving, John | Twain, Mark |
| Jeffers, Honorée Fanonne | Vonnegut, Kurt |
| Kesey, Ken | Wharton, Edith |
| Kingsolver, Barbara | Williams, Tennessee |
| Lahiri, Jhumpa (any text with the exception of <i>The Namesake</i>) | Wright, Richard |

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

Have a brilliant summer and we can't wait see you in the fall! Happy Summer!

Warmly,

Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Haugen