



Summer Reading List 2024



Books are available for purchase from whatever source you choose. You may also purchase them on the Xavier Online Bookstore, or students may purchase or borrow the book from another source to save money. Also, please use the ISBN number listed; students should read the specific version listed.

We strongly recommend that students annotate as they read. There will be assessments of the students' reading within the first cycle next year, and annotations will be extremely helpful in preparing for those assessments. We encourage students to use post-its and sticky notes as well as highlighters with notes in the margins of the books. Summarize the key points of the texts in your own words; circle significant words or phrases. Annotations should be seen as conversations with the author. Assessments will range from written essays to more creative projects, depending on the teacher and level of study.

Finally, summer reading should be seen as a chance to get away from computer screens and phones; therefore, it is highly recommended that students read hard copies of the assigned works (as opposed to PDFs or electronic versions). These books have been carefully selected with the students' enjoyment in mind as much as the works' literary merit, so enjoy them!

SCHOOLWIDE READ (Coordinated by the Computer Science and Technology Department)

All students will read *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams PLUS the books listed below.

Incoming Freshmen:

ENGLISH 9 students will read a total of **TWO BOOKS** as follows:

ALL ENGLISH 9 STUDENTS READ:

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood - Trevor Noah (not the middle school version)
ISBN-10: 0399588191

STUDENTS WILL THEN CHOOSE ONE MORE BOOK FROM THIS LIST:

The Hound of the Baskervilles - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle **ISBN-10:** 0451528018

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian - Sherman Alexie **ISBN-10:** 9780316013697

Peak - Roland Smith **ISBN-10:** 0152062688

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- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle **ISBN-10:** 0451528018

- *A Separate Peace* - John Knowles **ISBN-10:** 0743253973

Rising Sophomores:

SOPHOMORES (2 books):

The Complete Persepolis –Marjane Satrapi **ISBN-13:** 978-0-375-71483-2

The Lord of the Flies - Robert Goulding **-ISBN-13:** 978-0399501487

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HONORS SOPHOMORES (2 books) - All students must read these two books in addition to the school wide read:

The Three Theban Plays: Antigone, Oedipus the King, and Oedipus at Colonus, **ISBN-10** : 0140444254

The Narrow Road to the Deep North–Richard Flanagan **ISBN-13:** 978-0804171472

Rising Juniors:

JUNIORS (2 books):

1.) *Kindred* – Octavia Butler (a novel) **ISBN-10:** 0807083690

2.) *Small Mercies* by Eddie Joyce **ISBN-13:** 978-0143107873

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JOURNALISM (Elective):

Nickel and Dimed - Barbara Ehrenreich **ISBN-10:** 0312626681 **ISBN-13:** 978-0312626686

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JUNIORS - AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION (3 books)

Fast Food Nation - Eric Schlosser

ISBN-10 : 0547750331

ISBN-13 : 978-0547750330

Master Harold and the Boys - Athol Fugard **ISBN-10:** 9780307475206

Choose 1 non-fiction book by Malcolm Gladwell from the following 5 titles:

Blink *David and Goliath* *Outliers* *The Tipping Point* *Talking to Strangers*

OPTIONAL Additional book for summer reading:

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck Penguin Classics edition

ISBN-10 : 0756971004

ISBN-13 : 978-0756971007

Also - please read other items you are interested in. Your teacher will ask about what you are reading for enjoyment in addition to these required titles.

RISING SENIORS:

SENIORS – AP LITERATURE (3 books):

We Are Not Ourselves – Matt Thomas ISBN-10: 1476756678

No Country for Old Men – Cormac McCarthy ISBN-10: 0375706674

The Picture of Dorian Gray - Oscar Wilde ISBN - 13 978-1949460902

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SENIOR ELECTIVES:

Irish Literature / Literature in Film (1 book)

Brooklyn - Colm Toibin ISBN-13 : 978-1439148952

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Modernism / Imprisonment (1 book)

A Moveable Feast - Ernest Hemingway ISBN-10: 143918271X

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Struggle Against Oblivion / The Rise and Reign of the Antihero (3 items)

The Book of Ecclesiastes

The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John)

The Horla – Guy de Maupassant

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Surviving / Soldiers Stories (1 book)

Miracle in the Andes – Nando Parrado ISBN-10: 9781400097692

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Voices of the Harlem Renaissance/The Dream Deferred (2 books)

Black No More By George Schuyler **ISBN-10** : 1420963546 **ISBN-13** : 978-1420963540

How to Be Black By Baratunde Thurston **ISBN-10** : 0062003224

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Creative Writing

Pastoralia - George Saunders **ISBN-10**: 1573228729 **ISBN-13**: 978-1573228725



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