

2024 Grade 12 Senior Seminar Summer Reading Assignment

College Prep Level: Please select one of the suggested titles from the list below that is pertinent to your genre and read it over the summer. As you read, select 4-5 quotes that capture a pattern or *motif* within the work and reflect the genre as a whole. Be sure to include some commentary in your own words regarding the significance of these quotes. It is imperative that you do this, as early on in the course there will be an assessment requiring these quotes.

Honors level: Please do the above listed CP reading requirement. Additionally, you are to find and read 2 outside resources that connect with and/or further your understanding of the work chosen. For example, If you have read *The Tao of Pooh* for Philosophy, you should find two magazine articles, journal articles, newspapers articles, on Taoism, or if you read *Into Thin Air*, you may read and bring in survivor testimony, magazine articles, or interviews of the climbing parties. For the poetry course, you may choose poems or song lyrics as your outside resources. These references should be printed out and ANNOTATED for an assessment to be given early on in the course.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. You only need to complete **summer reading assignments for your Fall, 2024 English Seminar**. You DO NOT need to complete summer reading assignments for Spring, 2025 English Seminars.
2. SUBMIT WORK IN THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM in the appropriate assignment to be recognized for credit.

**** As this is a list aimed at high school level students, some of the books address mature ideas and issues. Please preview the books before making your selections so that you are not surprised by the content.**

Titles by Course

Graphic Novels:

V for Vendetta by Alan Moore

Batman: Year One by Frank Miller

The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen by Alan Moore

Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett Krosoczka

Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

Science Fiction/Dystopian Literature:

Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood

American War by Omar El Akkad

The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey

The Summer Prince by Alaya Dawn Johnson

ZoneOne by Colson Whitehead

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

World War Z by Max Brooks

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

Station-eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

Sports Literature, Writing, and Media:

Curse of the Bambino by Dan Shaughnessy

Slo Mo! by Rick Reilly

My Losing Season by Pat Conroy

The Teammates by David Halberstam

Sooley by John Grisham

Fast Girls: A Novel of the 1936 Women's Olympic Team by Elise Hooper

The Girls: An All-American Town, a Predatory Doctor, and the Untold Story of the Gymnasts

Who Brought Him Down by Abigail Pesta

Dust Bowl Girls: The Inspiring Story of the Team That Barnstormed Its Way to Basketball Glory
by Lydia Reeder

Suspense, Mystery and Horror:

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

And then there were None by Agatha Christie

Gone for Good by Harlan Coben

Dracula by Bram Stoker

A Time to Kill by John Grisham

Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

The Shining by Stephen King

Shutter Island by Dennis Leana

The Secret Place by Tana French

The Likeness by Tana French

The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley

The Dry by Jane Harper

The Silent Patient Alex Michaelides

Survival & Adventure:

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer

The Climb by Anatoli Boukreev

Left for Dead by Beck Weathers

On the Ridge Between Life & Death by David Roberts

A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson

Where the Mountain Casts its Shadow by Maria Coffey

Tracks by Robyn Davidson

Wild by Cheryl Strayed

The Last Season by Eric Blehm

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Kon Tiki by Thor Heyerdal

Alive by Piers Paul Read

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Vern