

Honors 9th Grade Summer Reading 2025-2026

Hello! My name is Mrs. Kelly Johnston (KJ) and I'll be your 9th grade Honors English teacher. I am also a voracious reader! Logistically to be in Honors you should have obtained an A average in 8th grade English **and you must complete your summer reading assignment. If you do not complete your summer reading, you will be removed from Honors and placed in College English 9.** Realistically you should be taking this course if you want to be challenged, love to read and write, and/or are considering being in the Top Ten of your class or Valedictorian/Salutatorian. If those aren't your thing, I'll see you in College English 9!

Directions: From the list select one of the texts that are highly suggested for 9th grade students to have read. Upon our return we will do something with it. It would be a good idea to purchase the text (thriftbook.com); however, the library is always a wonderful option! You'll want to bring it with you for the first day of class. Also, collecting important quotes isn't a bad plan either!

Books You Should Read by the End of Ninth Grade (and no, I haven't read them all...just most)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee ● <i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding ● <i>Brave New World</i> by Aldus Huxley ● <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> by J.D Sallinger ● <i>The Hounds of Baskerville</i> by Sir Aurthur Conan Doyle ● <i>Monster</i> by Walter Dean Myers ● <i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds ● <i>A Fault in Our Stars</i> by John Green ● <i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak ● <i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel ● <i>A Separate Peace</i> by John Knowles ● <i>Angela's Ashes</i> by Frank McCourt ● <i>1984</i> by George Orwell ● <i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell ● <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury ● <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> by Lewis Carroll ● <i>Harry Potter</i> by J.K Rowling ● <i>Whale Talk</i> by Chris Crutcher ● <i>Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes</i> by Chirs Crutcher ● <i>Little Women</i> by Louisa May Alcott ● <i>The Hobbit</i> by J.R.R Tolkien ● <i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins ● <i>Percy Jackson</i> by Rick Riordan ● <i>The Kiterunner</i> by Khaled Hossein ● <i>The Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London ● <i>Catch 22</i> by Joseph Heller ● <i>Chocolate War</i> by Robert Cormier ● <i>I am the Cheese</i> by Robert Cormier ● <i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens ● <i>The Inheritance Games</i> by Jennifer Lynn Barnes ● <i>The Glass Castle: A Memoir</i> by Jeannette Walls ● <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> by Jane Austen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Blackbird Girls</i> by Anne Blankman ● <i>Chains</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson ● <i>Fever</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson ● <i>Wintergirls</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson ● <i>Speak</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson ● <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> by Natalie Babbitt ● <i>Mississippi Trial of 1955</i> by Chris Crowe ● <i>I Will Save You</i> by Matt de la Peña ● <i>The Battle of Jericho</i> by Sharon Draper ● <i>We Were Liars</i> by E. Lockhart ● <i>House on Mango Street</i> by Sandra Cisneros ● <i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i> by Ransom Riggs ● <i>Holes</i> by Louis Sachar ● <i>Orbiting Jupiter</i> by Gary Schmidt ● <i>Between Shades of Grey</i> by Ruta Sepetys ● <i>Scythe</i> by Neal Shusterman ● <i>Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie</i> by Jordan Sonnenblick ● <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> by Elizabeth George Speare ● <i>Stargirl</i> by Jerry Spinelli ● <i>The Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson, ● <i>Treasure Island</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson ● <i>Moon Over Manifest</i> by Clare Vanderpool ● <i>Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian</i> by Sherman Alexie ● <i>The Time Machine</i> by H. G. Wells ● <i>Uglies</i> by Scott Westerfield ● <i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia ● <i>Make Lemonade</i> by Virginia Euwer Wolff ● <i>The Pigman</i> by Paul Zindel

Disclaimer: Please pick a book you are comfortable with. Many of these texts cover controversial topics. I have a pick at your own risk policy, so do a little research and find something you will enjoy! If you are struggling to find a text please email me (kjohnston@springfieldlocal.us) and I will help. Also, if you want to read something that isn't on the list, ask! I'm always open to suggestions.