

Dreher High School English Department
Summer Reading 2025
English 1-4: All CP and Honors Courses

To encourage authentic and engaging summer reading this year, if you are enrolled in any level course from English 1 through English 4, your summer reading will be entirely **your choice** as far as texts selected.

The Dreher English and Library departments have collaborated to provide you a “Book Bingo” card. On the Book Bingo card, you will find different categories, genres, and types of reading. Choosing titles of your liking/preference, you are to “read your way” through the Bingo card.

When you get to school next year, bring your Bingo card, with the accompanying written assignments required per box, and your English teacher will award you credit for each box completed. Each student, regardless of which class you are enrolled, must complete a **MINIMUM OF TWO BOOKS/BOXES/ WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS**. You may choose to read more books beyond this, but will only receive credit for boxes completed up to TEN boxes.

To get credit for a box, you must:

1. Read a text that meets the requirements of that box.
2. Write a ½ page response to the text that does one of the following:
 - a. Discusses a personal, literary, real-world, or pop culture connection to one part of the text, or the text as a whole
 - b. Analyzes the literature itself: how was it written? What structural/organizational/stylistic devices were used? What effect did this have on the book or on you as a reader?
 - c. Simply discusses something from the text that stood out to you in some way, positively or negatively, and perhaps why

Your reading choices can come from any of the following:

1. Traditional books/novels
2. Nonfiction texts
3. Substantive newspaper/magazine/journal articles
4. Graphic novels
5. Interview transcripts
6. Poetry
7. Online/digital nonfiction
8. Scholarly reviews
9. Reviews in general
10. Any others you find

At the end of this handout, you will find as many resources as we could compile for accessing material to read this summer to fulfill this assignment.

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A text with fewer than 150 pages	A text published this year	A <i>travel</i> memoir	A banned book or text	A short story collection
A text with a setting in your home state	A romance story	A poetry or essay collection	A classic you've been meaning to read	A text recommended by a librarian or teacher
A text with a setting somewhere you want to visit	A fantasy or science fiction text	FREE SPACE	A text with more than 500 pages	A text set in two different time periods
A text published more than 10 years ago	A young adult or middle grades text	A mystery or true crime text	A text being made into a movie or TV Show (or already made into one)	A western
A debut text (an author's <u>first</u> text)	A text that has been translated	A text by an author of a different race, ethnicity, or religion than you	A memoir or autobiography	An award-winning text

WHERE TO FIND texts to read:

1. **A book/text at your house.** As long as it fits the requirements of one of the boxes on the Book Bingo, go for it! Your parents are welcome to order a book for you, but please know there are plenty of free options, NO ONE IS REQUIRED TO BUY A BOOK.
2. **A book/text you borrow from a friend, neighbor, relative, or a free little library stand near where you live.**
3. **Dreher's Destiny Library database** (this is kind of limited selection).
 - i. Instructions for access are here: <https://www.richlandone.org/Domain/1135>
4. **Project Gutenberg**
 - i. <https://www.gutenberg.org/>
 - ii. Has free access to over 60,000 titles that are out of copyright.
5. **Junior Library Guild**
 - i. Junior Library Guild , focused more on YA and children's type stuff, access here:
https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/at-home?utm_term=JLG%40HOME&utm_campaign=FREE%20eBook%20access%20for%20your%20homebound%20readers%21&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On+Software&utm_medium=email
6. **New York City Public Library**
 - i. Over 300,000 books are available for free from the New York Public Library: To gain access, NYPL's free e-reader app, SimplyE, can be downloaded for iPhone or Android.
7. **Amazon Kindle & Audible**
 - i. Website and Apps are offering lots of free books right now.
8. If you already have access to richlandlibrary.com, you may use that as well.
9. **Accounts on Instagram/social media:**
 - a. **@poetryfoundation** (*good for reading actual full length poems right on Insta*)
 - b. **@wellreadblackgirl** (*book recommendations all penned by Black female writers*)
 - c. **@thisgirlhasn0name** (*novel suggestions for fantasy and sci-fi lovers*)
 - d. **#bookstagram** (*millions of book reviews and recommendations if you search this hashtag*)
10. **Websites for articles:**
 - a. Kelly Gallagher's "Articles of the Week": <http://www.kellygallagher.org/article-of-the-week>
 - b. [NYTimes.org](http://nytimes.org)
 - c. [Washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

If you are having trouble finding books or texts to read, please reach out to Mr. Clark, Ms. Jenkins (in the Media Center), or any teacher in the English department and we will help you: Andrew.clark@richlandone.org | elizabeth.jenkins@richlandone.org
