

IB History HL

Summer Assignment 2025

1) Read a book – fiction or non-fiction – about an historical event or time period that interests you.

o A librarian at the Richland County Public Library can help you find the perfect book!

2) Visit an historical site of your choice.

o You are welcome to visit any historical site. It does not have to be here in Columbia.

o Some free or low-cost options here in Columbia:

§ Historic Columbia – they have free self-guided tours on their website and dollar guided tours on the third Sunday of every month

§ South Carolina State Museum – Check website for dollar Sundays

§ Columbia 63 self-guided walking tour on Main St.

For each assignment make note of any of the following history key concepts present in the book or at the site.

- Change – what changes occurred over time? How are these changes presented? What was present before and after?

- Continuity – what remained the same?

- Causation – identify the causes of historical events or changes

- Consequence – how have forces of the past shaped future people and societies? What short- and long-term effects occurred?

- Significance – Why might this event have been recorded? Who or what has been excluded from the narrative? Why might this be? What evidence is used to present this work/site as an accurate interpretation of the event?

- Perspectives – Who's story is being told? Are multiple stories being told? Does the work/site elevate one perspective (story) at the expense of another?

Be prepared to discuss both your book and the site you visited on your first day in IB History.

IB English A: Literature HL-2

Summer 2025

Seniors entering IB English HL-2 are required to do the following by Monday, August 11th:

REQUIREMENTS

1. **Join our GroupMe chat:** https://groupme.com/join_group/107585561/Sgp1ptsD



2. **Select a level-appropriate book to read this summer.** You may select any of the following genres: prose fiction, prose nonfiction, drama, or poetry. When we return to school in the fall, we will use your selected work as the basis of our practice IB English Individual Oral assessment. **Complete this form by May 27th to get your summer reading book approved:** https://richlandoneschooldist-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/eleni_davis_richlandone_org/Ee653ZH9ozJGnwhShIys5mYB20VP_XILDmNb3fcO6A4QAA?e=y2XE16



- **Book selection guidelines:**
 - Avoid Young Adult books. Select a work that is appropriate for your reading level and, perhaps, will challenge you a little.

- You may not select a book that you were taught in school at any grade level.
- Do not select a book you have read before.
- Come see me if you need help selecting a book.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Remember what it was like to read for fun and try to recapture that this summer. ***I challenge you to read at least four books that you want to read.*** Read a few bestsellers and then give a couple of classics a go. You could even read a different book by an author you've already read and share book recommendations with each other in our GroupMe chat.
- If you have struggled with literary analysis and evaluation up to this point, I would recommend reading ***How to Read Literature Like a Professor***. See me before May 27th if you'd like to borrow a copy.
- If you tend to struggle with grammar, syntax, or mechanics in general, secure a copy of *Hodge's Harbrace Handbook*. The newer editions tend to be pricey, but used copies of the older editions tend to be inexpensive. If you secure a copy of this little handbook, you'll end up using it for the rest of your lives.

If you have questions regarding this assignment, please feel free to contact Mrs. Davis at eleni.davis@richlandone.org or via GroupMe. Mrs. Davis will be out of the country between July 4th and 18th, so please use the GroupMe to reach out if you have questions during those days.

Don't forget to do the following during the summer months:

- Make sure to get enough sleep.
- Eat well.
- Stay out of trouble.
- Have fun!