

Spanish Summer Reading – Summer 2025

Learning Spanish at UHS emphasizes grammatical accuracy, vocabulary acquisition and precision of communication through the close reading, analysis and discussion of authentic, unabridged texts. Our goal is that, with practice, students develop a similar facility in reading and speaking Spanish as they have in English.

The summer reading provides students with both a glimpse of the curriculum and the opportunity to engage with the language before school begins, since the texts are the first encountered in the Fall. Therefore, we recommend students complete this reading assignment a week or so before school starts.

Students: Read each text several times to gain a sense of its themes, imagery, and style. Audio links are provided where available. We suggest you simultaneously listen to the audio and read the text.

Then, **write in Spanish:**

- Words or phrases drawn from each text that, to you, capture its essence.
- Questions about each text that can help you and your classmates with comprehension and can generate meaningful classroom discussions.

Compile your work into a single document that you'll submit electronically the first day of class. It will not be graded; it will be your first contribution to class discussion.

We expect this work to be your own, so we can get to know you and best support you from the start. You can consult Word Reference for key single-word searches, but don't seek an English translation of the text nor the help of others (including AI) during this process.

Beginning Spanish

- No readings!

Intermediate Spanish

- Text: ["La niña fea" by Ana María Matute](#)
- Audio: https://us.ivoox.com/es/ana-maria-matute-la-nina-fea-audios-mp3_rf_50977778_1.html
- Text: ["El corazón de la tierra" by Gloria Fuentes](#)
- Audio: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZZ_NgwZNg

Advanced Spanish

- Text: ["Apocalipsis" by Marco Denevi](#)
- Audio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmoA8vBqfnY>
- Text: ["Los dos reyes y los dos laberintos" by Jorge Luis Borges](#)
- Audio: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnw_qK0y6VE

Honors Spanish Literature

- Text: ["Las medias rojas" by Emilia Pardó Bazán](#) Trigger warning: physical violence
- Audio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kh5MJrqECIM>
- Text: ["Tú me quieres blanca" by Alfonsina Storni](#)
- Audio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6R2t3Pku2Qc>

Honors Advanced Spanish Literature

- Text: ["El Sur" by Jorge Luis Borges](#)
- Audio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAzAYWaopLY>
- Text: [Peso ancestral by Alfonsina Storni](#)
- Audio: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVtHUUv-T_Y

Honors Advanced Spanish Seminar

- Text: ["Los censores" by Liliana Valenzuela](#)
- [Audio of "Los censores"](#)
- Text: ["Lo más olvidado del olvido" Trigger warning: physical violence](#)
- [Audio of "Lo más olvidado del olvido"](#)