



Summer Reading List 2025



Books are available for purchase from whatever source you choose. You may also purchase them on the Xavier Online Bookstore, or students may purchase or borrow the book from another source to save money. Also, please use the ISBN number listed; students should read the specific version listed.

We strongly recommend that students annotate as they read. There will be assessments of the students' reading within the first cycle next year, and annotations will be extremely helpful in preparing for those assessments. We encourage students to use post-its and sticky notes as well as highlighters with notes in the margins of the books. Summarize the key points of the texts in your own words; circle significant words or phrases. Annotations should be seen as conversations with the author. Assessments will range from written essays to more creative projects, depending on the teacher and level of study.

Finally, summer reading should be seen as a chance to get away from computer screens and phones; therefore, it is highly recommended that students read hard copies of the assigned works (as opposed to PDFs or electronic versions). These books have been carefully selected with the students' enjoyment in mind as much as the works' literary merit, so enjoy them!

SCHOOLWIDE READ (Coordinated by the History Department)

All students will read *The U.S. Constitution* PLUS the books listed below.

Incoming Freshmen:

ENGLISH 9 students will read a total of **TWO BOOKS** as follows:

ALL ENGLISH 9 STUDENTS READ:

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood - Trevor Noah (not the middle school version)
ISBN-10: 0399588191

STUDENTS WILL THEN CHOOSE ONE MORE BOOK FROM THIS LIST:

The Hound of the Baskervilles - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle **ISBN-10:** 0451528018

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian - Sherman Alexie **ISBN-10:** 9780316013697

Peak - Roland Smith **ISBN-10:** 0152062688

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- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle **ISBN-10:** 0451528018

- *A Separate Peace* - John Knowles **ISBN-10:** 0743253973

Rising Sophomores:

SOPHOMORES (2 books):

The Complete Persepolis –Marjane Satrapi **ISBN-13:** 978-0-375-71483-2

1984 by George Orwell **ISBN-13** : 978-0451524935

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HONORS SOPHOMORES (3 books) - All students must read these THREE books in addition to the school wide read:

The Three Theban Plays: Antigone, Oedipus the King, and Oedipus at Colonus, **ISBN-10** : 0140444254

Mythology, Edith Hamilton **ISBN-13** : 978-0446574754

1984 by George Orwell **ISBN-13** : 978-0451524935

Rising Juniors:

JUNIORS (2 books):

- 1.) *Kindred* – Octavia Butler (a novel) **ISBN-10:** 0807083690
- 2.) *Small Mercies* by Eddie Joyce **ISBN-13:** 978-0143107873

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JOURNALISM (Elective):

Nickel and Dimed - Barbara Ehrenreich **ISBN-10:** 0312626681 **ISBN-13:** 978-0312626686

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JUNIORS - AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION (Read 3 books)

1. *Master Harold and the Boys* - Athol Fugard **ISBN-10:** 9780307475206
2. *The Grapes of Wrath* - John Steinbeck Penguin Classics edition **ISBN-10 :** 0756971004
3. Choose **1** non-fiction book from the following titles:

Fast Food Nation - Eric Schlosser **ISBN-10 :** 0547750331 **ISBN-13 :** 978-0547750330

The Tipping Point - Malcolm Gladwell

Revenge of the Tipping Point - Malcolm Gladwell

Outliers - Malcolm Gladwell

David & Goliath - Malcolm Gladwell

Also - please read other items you are interested in. Your teacher will ask about what you are reading for enjoyment in addition to these required titles.

RISING SENIORS:

SENIORS – AP LITERATURE (3 books):

A Visit from the Goon Squad - Jennifer Egan

ISBN-10 : 0307477479

ISBN-13 : 978-0307477477

1984 – George Orwell

ISBN-10 : 9780451524935

ISBN-13 : 978-0451524935

The Picture of Dorian Gray - Oscar Wilde

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SENIOR ELECTIVES:

Irish Literature / Literature in Film (1 book)

The Twelfth Day of July - Joan Linguard - New Book

ISBN-10 : 0141368926

ISBN-13 : 978-0141368924

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Modernism / Imprisonment (1 book)

A Moveable Feast - Ernest Hemingway **ISBN-10:** 143918271X

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Feminism / The Rise and Reign of the Antihero (2 items)

The Book of Deuteronomy

The Gospels

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Surviving / Soldiers Stories (1 book)

Miracle in the Andes – Nando Parrado **ISBN-10:** 9781400097692

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Creative Writing

Pastoralia - George Saunders **ISBN-10:** 1573228729 **ISBN-13:** 978-1573228725



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