

Upper School Summer Reading 2025-26

English I (Form III):

We would like you to enjoy the book(s) you read this summer, and we chose the following list with that end in mind. Directions: Read at least one book from the list below. The book should be one you have not read before. Bring your copy of the book you read with you to school in September, as we will use them during the first few weeks of classes. While one book is required, we encourage you to read more.

[Ender's Game](#), Orson Scott Card

Intense is the word for *Ender's Game*. Aliens have attacked Earth twice and almost destroyed the human species. To make sure humans win the next encounter, the world government has taken to breeding military geniuses -- and then training them in the arts of war... The early training, not surprisingly, takes the form of 'games'... Ender Wiggin is a genius among geniuses; he wins all the games... He is smart enough to know that time is running out. But is he smart enough to save the planet? (Amazon.com review) ISBN: 978-1250773029 (\$16.99)

[The Hate U Give](#), Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed. (Amazon.com description) ISBN: 978-0062498540 (\$14.99)

[The Road](#), Cormac McCarthy

Cormac McCarthy sets his novel, *The Road*, in a post-apocalyptic blight of gray skies that drizzle ash, a world in which all matter of wildlife is extinct, starvation is not only prevalent but nearly all-encompassing... McCarthy may have just set to paper the definitive vision of the world after nuclear war... Stealing across this horrific (and that's the only word for it) landscape are an unnamed man and his emaciated son, a boy probably around the age of ten. It is the love the father feels for his son, a love as deep and acute as his grief, that could surprise readers of McCarthy's previous work. (From a review by Dennis Lehane) ISBN: 978-0307387899 (\$12.00)

English II (Form IV)

[The Kite Runner](#), Khaled Hosseini. ISBN: 978-1594631931 (\$14.49)

English III (Form V)

[There There](#), Tommy Orange. ISBN: 978-0525436140 (\$8.06)

[Some questions to consider](#)

English IV (Form VI)

[The Niceties](#), Eleanor Burgess. ISBN: 978-1786829658 (\$14.95) and

["Group Portrait with Television"](#), David Finkel (link to a highly readable article on the role an earlier version of screens play in our lives)

English IV* (Form VI)

[East of Eden](#), John Steinbeck. ISBN: 978-0142004234 (\$19.41)