Ballston Spa High School
English Department Summer Reading 2025



FULL YEAR COURSES

English 9 Regents, English 10 Regents, English 11 Regents, and English 12

- Read one book over the summer from this link: Book Titles Summer 2025 Reading (or one book of your choice that is appropriate for your grade level).
- You will have an in class writing assignment within the first two weeks of school.

Library Resource:

- **How-To Access E-Books and Audio on SORA**

English 10 Honors

- Access the summer assignment at this link: English 10 Honors Summer Reading 2025

AP Literature and Composition

- Read The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain (copies in English office)
- Write an 8-10 page literary analysis journal

AP Language and Composition

- Access the summer assignment at this link: Summer Reading AP Language 2025

SEMESTER COURSES

Sports Literature*

- Read an athlete's biography or an autobiography about an athlete, or any nonfiction or fiction book centered around sports. The book chosen should be at an appropriate reading level for high school students.

Banned Books*

- Read a contemporary banned/challenged book from the American Library Association's Top 100 Most Frequently Challenged Books list. The book chosen should be at an appropriate reading level for high school students.

True Crime*

- Choose any true crime narrative—as long as it's age-appropriate nonfiction. Read a nonfiction true crime book, watch a true crime documentary or docuseries or listen to a true crime podcast.

SEMESTER COURSES, Cont'd

CHS College Composition*

- Access the summer assignment at these links:
  Summer reading overview
  Dialectical journals (directions),
  Dialectical assignment / blank template

CHS College Literature*

- Read one novel written in the last 25 years. This novel should be at an appropriate reading level for high school students. An assignment will be given within the first two weeks of the course.

Expressive Writing*

- Read one book of your choice. The book chosen should be at an appropriate reading level for high school students. An assignment will be given within the first two weeks of the course.

Mysteries*

- Read a novel from one of the following genres: Mystery, Suspense, Thriller. The book chosen should be at an appropriate reading level for high school students.

Fantasy and Myth*

- Read one Fantasy novel of your choice. The book chosen should be at an appropriate reading level for high school students.

Science Fiction*

- Read one Science Fiction novel of your choice. The book chosen should be at an appropriate reading level for high school students.

Short Stories*

- Read any two short stories found at Classic Short Stories. An assignment will be given within the first two weeks of the course.

Cinema as Literature*

- Watch a good movie, and read reviews/analysis about it. Be prepared to discuss the film in class.

***Students are responsible for Senior elective summer readings for both FALL and SPRING schedules.**