



2026 Upper School Summer Reading List

AP/English Language and Composition

AP English Language & Composition students **select two books**, one from each category.

Choose one:

<i>Rocket Boys</i> by Homer Hickam	ISBN: 978-0-385-33320-7
<i>The Color of Water</i> by James McBride	ISBN: 978-1-594-48192-5
<i>Half-Broke Horses</i> by Jeannette Walls	ISBN-13: 978-1416586296

Choose one:

<i>Kite Runner</i> by Khaled Hosseini	ISBN: 978-1-594-48000-3
<i>Beneath A Scarlet Sky</i> by Mark Sullivan	ISBN-13: 978-1503943377
<i>Interpreter of Maladies</i> by Jhumpa Lahiri	ISBN-13: 978-0395927205

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ALL Students in both courses:

*Summer Argument Journal required. See separate assignment sheet.

AP/English Literature and Composition

Literature & Composition and AP Literature & Composition students read **two books**.

1. *James* by Percival Everett ISBN: 978-0593862735
2. Choose a narrative, **fictional novel** of your choice that you have not read before.

American Literature and Rhetoric

Students will read **two books**:

1. *The Catcher and the Rye* by J.D. Salinger ISBN : 978-0316769174
2. *Night* by Elie Wiesel ISBN-13 978-0374500016

Foundations for Literature and Rhetoric

(*students entering freshman year who are not assigned to English Studies)

Students will read **two books**:

1. Graphic novel: *A Bag of Marbles* by Joseph Joffo ISBN-13: 978-1467715164
2. Novel: *Divergent* by Veronica Roth ISBN: 9780062024039

English Studies I & English Studies II

Brownstone by Samuel Teer & Mar Julia ISBN: 9780358394747



2026 Middle School Summer Reading List

Eighth Grade

Choose **only one** of the following novels:

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

OR

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Seventh Grade

Choose **only one** of the following novels:

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

OR

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Sixth Grade

You are required to read two books over the summer. One is a required book* and one is a choice book from the list below. It would be wise to write down notes about each chapter as you read the required novel.

***Required Novel: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madaleine L'engle**

Choose one (1) from the following list:

1. *The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place* by E.L. Konigsburg
2. *Ghost Canoe* by Will Hobbs
3. *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
4. *Flush* by Carl Hiassen
5. *The Remarkable Journey of Prince Jen* by Lloyd Alexander

Fifth Grade

You are required to read two books over the summer. One is a required book* and one is a choice book from the list below. It would be wise to write down notes about each chapter as you read the required novel.

***Required Novel: *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell**

And choose one (1) from the following list:

1. *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg
2. *Ralph S. Mouse* by Beverley Cleary
3. *No Talking* by Andrew Clements
4. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
5. *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo