

English III (11th grade)

2026 Summer Reading Assignment

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REQUIRED BOOK TO PURCHASE FOR USE IN THE SPRING SEMESTER:

[*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Original 1925 Edition](#) (available on Amazon)

REQUIRED BOOK TO READ AND COMPLETE AN ASSIGNMENT FOR SUMMER READING:

This summer you must choose one full-length work (at least 200 pages) of NONFICTION to read. Your book of choice must focus on the life of a notable American OR on a significant event in American history, and it CANNOT have had a TV/movie adaptation made of it.

Below are some lists that might be helpful in choosing a book.

1. 10 Must-Read Biographies of Black Americans--<https://goo.gl/NCvbsa>
2. Best Nonfiction American History Books: <https://goo.gl/NK2msW>
3. Best Sports History Books (your chosen book must feature an American athlete or team):
<https://goo.gl/iwGbiU>
4. Popular Survival Adventure Nonfiction Books (your chosen book must be set in America):
<https://goo.gl/jXt7is>

After reading the book, you must complete the writing responses listed below. The entire list of responses should be TYPED on one continuous document that you will PRINT OUT and hand in on the first day of school. Please type the full text of each question, followed by your response, written in complete sentences.

1. Type a one-paragraph summary of the book. Be sure to include the book's title and author in this!
2. What is the most important thing the author wanted you to learn or think about after reading the book? Explain.
3. Describe the most interesting thing YOU learned from the book.
4. Describe how you can use what you learned from this book in your own life.
5. Describe any stylistic text features the author used and how they affected your reading experience.
6. Describe anything or anyone you would like to know more about after reading the book. What about this person/event intrigued you? What more would you like to know?
7. A situation in the book reminds me of something that happened to me or someone else because...
8. The ideas or events in this book remind me of ideas or events in (another book, movies, news) because. . .
9. Describe what you would change about the book (or a particular part of the book) and why.
10. The passage on page(s)_____ is an example of good writing because.... (be sure to type the text of the passage before explaining your answer).
11. Describe new insights or understandings you have after reading the book.
12. Write out the text of an email you could send to the author of the book with your questions and responses to his/her writing.