



IB English HL 2

2026-2027

Welcome to IB English HL 2, the senior IB Literature course at Foothill High School. I am looking forward to a great year of reading, writing, learning, and discussing. If you have any questions regarding the summer reading, please email Mrs. Parkyn at MKnutson@tustin.k12.ca.us

Summer Reading: *Signs Preceding the End of the World*

Please read and annotate ***Signs Preceding the End of the World*** by Yuri Herrera in preparation for our first unit in August, titled **Outsiders Within**. As you read and annotate, consider the following essential questions: How do authorial choices within a text create meaning? How do marginalized voices and experiences illuminate global issues?

Assessments: You will participate in writing and speaking assessments with this novella after the end of the second full week of school. You will also be assessed on your basic understanding of this text through a multiple choice assessment. Read carefully!

Summer Reading: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*

In addition to reading and annotating *Signs*, please read and annotate the following chapters from Thomas Foster's *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*:

Chapter 1: Every Trip Is a Quest

Chapter 14: Yes, She's a Christ Figure, Too

Chapter 19: Geography Matters

Chapter 18: If She Comes Up, It's Baptism

Some elements of these chapters may directly relate to *Signs*, while other details will support our upcoming texts. Please ensure to read carefully. Have a conversation in the margins: underline, ask questions, write notes, make connections to texts you've already read. Space out your reading throughout the summer.

Assessment: You will take a test on the chapters above after the end of the second full week of school.

Texts for 2026-2027 School Year

Below is a list of the texts for this year, including your summer reading. The ISBN numbers indicate the version suggested; if no ISBN is stated, you may acquire a version of your choice. If the text has an asterisk, it is available at the FHS library within reason. Whether you attain your own book, or borrow it from the library, you should have a thorough annotation method.

***Signs Preceding the
End of the World***

Yuri Herrera

ISBN: 9781908276421

***How to Read Literature
Like a Professor****

Thomas Foster

ISBN: 9780062301673

A Small Place

Jamaica Kincaid

ISBN: 0374266387

Human Acts

Han Kang

ISBN: 1101906723

Slaughterhouse-Five*

Kurt Vonnegut

ISBN: 0385333846

***The Merchant of
Venice***

William Shakespeare

ISBN: 9781439191163

(Folger Shakespeare Library)

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Yevgeny Zamyatin

ISBN: 978-0140185850

(Penguin Classics)

The Awakening*

Kate Chopin

Version of your choice