English Department Summer Reading Book List 2026

9th Grade

English I

Summer before 9th grade:

- *The Book Thief* – Markus Zusak – ISBN: 9780375842207

English I Honors

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- *The Book Thief* – Markus Zusak – ISBN: 9780375842207
- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* – Betty Smith – ISBN: 9780060736262

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10th Grade

English II

Summer before 10th grade:

- *Rebecca* – Daphne DuMaurier – ISBN: 9780380730407
- After reading the book, watch the following movie version of *Rebecca*:
    - *Rebecca* – director Alfred Hitchcock – 1940

English II Honors

Summer before 10th grade:

- *Rebecca* – Daphne DuMaurier – ISBN: 9780380730407
- *Things Fall Apart* – Chinua Achebe – ISBN: 9780385474542

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11th Grade

English III

Summer before 11th grade:

- *The Catcher in the Rye* – J. D. Salinger – ISBN: 9780316769174

English III Honors

Summer before 11th grade:

- *The Catcher in the Rye* – J. D. Salinger – ISBN: 9780316769174
- Educated – Tara Westover – ISBN: 9780399590528

English III AP

Summer before 11th grade:

- *The Catcher in the Rye* – J. D. Salinger – ISBN: 9780316769174
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* – Maya Angelou – ISBN: 9780345514400
- *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* – Frederick Douglass – ISBN: 9781593080419, Barnes and Noble Classics

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12th Grade

English IV

Summer before 12th grade:

- *East of Eden* (read Part I only) – John Steinbeck – ISBN: 9780142004234

English IV Honors

Summer before 12th grade:

- *A Streetcar Named Desire* – Tennessee Williams – ISBN: 9780811216029
- *East of Eden* (read Part I only) – John Steinbeck – ISBN: 9780142004234

English IV AP

Summer before 12th grade:

- *Purple Hibiscus* – Chimamanda Adichie – ISBN: 9781616202515
- *A Doll's House* – Henrik Ibsen – ISBN: 9780486270623
- *Circe* – Madeline Miller – ISBN: 9780316556323

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