IB English A: Literature HL-2

Summer 2026

Seniors entering IB English HL-2 are required to do the following by Monday, August 11th:

REQUIREMENTS

1. **Please take some time to complete any missing Learner Portfolio entries from your junior year.** Making sure these entries are finished before senior year begins will help you start the year feeling organized and confident.
   When we return from summer break, your Learner Portfolio will be reviewed, and **you will receive a grade for having all required junior-year entries completed**.
   Just a reminder: the Learner Portfolio is a cumulative record of your learning and **continues into senior year rather than restarting**. Finishing junior-year entries now will make senior year much smoother and less stressful.

2. **Join our Group-Me**
   Chat: https://groupme.com/join_group/114876527/shhb0A9u

3. **Select a level-appropriate book to read this summer.** You may select any of the following genres: prose fiction, prose nonfiction, drama, or poetry. When we return to school in the fall, we will use your selected work as the basis of our practice IB English Individual Oral assessment. **Complete this form by May 27th to get your summer reading book approved:** https://richlandoneschooldist-my.sharepoint.com/personal/eleni_davis_richlandone_org/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?share=IQBU-7wsjxCXSK8zJr0hDFilAf7cxbmktRaQUJyynjQK5Hw&e=X8oEUR



- **Book selection guidelines:**

- Avoid Young Adult books. Select a work that is appropriate for your reading level and, perhaps, will challenge you a little.
- You may not select a book that you were taught in school at any grade level.
- Do not select a book you have read before.
- Come see me if you need help selecting a book.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Remember what it was like to read for fun and try to recapture that this summer. ***I challenge you to read at least four books that you want to read.*** Read a few bestsellers and then give a couple of classics a go. You could even read a different book by an author you've already read and share book recommendations with each other.
- If you have struggled with literary analysis and evaluation up to this point, I would recommend reading ***How to Read Literature Like a Professor***. See me before May 27th if you'd like to borrow a copy.
- If you tend to struggle with grammar, syntax, or mechanics in general, secure a copy of *Hodge's Harbrace Handbook*. The newer editions tend to be pricey, but used copies of the older editions tend to be inexpensive. If you secure a copy of this little handbook, you'll end up using it for the rest of your life.

Don't forget to do the following during the summer months:

- Make sure to get enough sleep.
- Eat well.
- Stay out of trouble.
- Have fun

If you have questions regarding your IB English Literature summer assignments, please feel free to contact Mrs. Davis at eleni.davis@richlandone.org or via GroupMe.

IB History HL-2

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There are no mandatory summer assignments for Senior IB History. However, it might help you to explore books and movies relevant to topics we covered last year or will cover next year. Those topics include:

- the U.S. Civil War era
- World War I
- the Civil Rights movement
- the Soviet Union under Lenin and Stalin
- Apartheid South Africa
- American foreign policy 1880-1930
- Saddam Hussein and the First Gulf War

If you are interested in finding engaging books or movies that relate to these times (or other historical eras) feel free to email me at john.heider@richlandone.org.

Have a relaxing summer and see you in August!