

Welcome to English I! Directions for your summer reading assignment are noted below. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Beam (sarahbeam@hgchristian.org).

Purpose of Summer Reading:

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- Develop language skills. Those who read tend to have larger vocabularies than non-readers as well as better reading comprehension.
- Help in the composition of a stronger college application essay. Whether applying for college or a scholarship, the application will likely involve an essay. Regular reading develops students’ ability to synthesize information and construct a thoughtful application essay.
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Your Assignment:

Purchase a copy of No Fear Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet Deluxe Student Edition (ISBN: 978-1411479715). This edition translates Shakespearean language into common English (including some of the more bawdy conversations that take place in the opening scene). All students must have a hard copy of the book. You may purchase/use a different version of the play but this particular ISBN gives a full, line-by-line translation of Shakespeare’s writing into everyday language.

After reading Shakespeare’s drama, complete the quote chart at the following link. READ THE DIRECTIONS ON THE QUOTE JOURNAL BEFORE YOU BEGIN! You will be graded on your effort, following directions, and execution and completeness of the project. Weight will be one writing test grade. [Click Here for the *Romeo & Juliet* Quote Journal w/ Quotes.](#) You are to submit your completed assignment [here](#).

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Assigned drama (click on the link for a parental review of the play): *Romeo & Juliet* by William Shakespeare ([Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare](#))

Edition: *No Fear Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet Deluxe Student Edition* ISBN: 978-1411479715

Romeo and Juliet, a tragedy written by William Shakespeare early in his career, tells of an age-old vendetta between two powerful families that erupts into bloodshed. A young lovesick Romeo Montague falls instantly in love with Juliet Capulet. Their marriage, hastily arranged, ends in tragedy. The deaths of the two young Italian star-crossed lovers ultimately reconcile their feuding families.

[Three-Minute Romeo & Juliet](#)

Welcome to English II! Directions for your summer reading assignment are noted below. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Noelle Allen (noelleallen@hgchristian.org).

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Your Assignment:

Purchase a copy of *No Fear Shakespeare Julius Caesar Deluxe Student Edition* (ISBN: 978-1411479654). This edition translates Shakespearean language into common English. All students must have a hard copy of the book.

After reading Shakespeare’s drama, complete the following writing and art assignment. You will be graded on your effort, following directions, and execution and completeness of the project. The assignment weight will be one reading test grade. The assignments should be grammatically clean, using complete sentences as well as pictures where appropriate

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Writing assignment:

Write a character diary for a character of your choice. Your diary must include at least seven entries and should reflect events that happen throughout the story. The diary entries should demonstrate the character reflecting on these events and how they were affected.

Note: Your entries should each be typed with MLA formatting and at least three-quarters of a page long.

Art assignment:

Draw/paint a NEW multi-colored cover for your book. It must be different from any other cover for that book. It must be a 5x6 cardstock minimum. Write two paragraphs describing what your cover portrays and how it represents the book well. You should staple your paragraphs to your cover when you turn it in.

Welcome to English III! Directions for your summer reading assignment are noted below. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Katie Davidson (katiedavidson@hgchristian.org).

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Your Assignment:

- Obtain a copy of *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway. You may borrow the book from a friend, pick up a copy from the library, or purchase it from [Amazon](#).
- After reading Hemingway’s novella, complete the quote chart found [here](#).
- Once complete, submit your assignment [here](#).

You will be graded on your effort, following directions, and execution and completeness of the project.

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Assigned book:

- [The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway](#) (click on the link for a review).
- You may purchase it from [Amazon](#).
- You may also listen to an [audio version](#).

Welcome to English IV! Directions for your summer reading assignment are noted below. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Beam (sarahbeam@hgchristian.org).

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Your Assignment:

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After reading Shakespeare’s drama, complete the quote chart found at the following link.

READ THE DIRECTIONS ON THE QUOTE JOURNAL BEFORE YOU BEGIN!

You will be graded on your effort, following directions, and execution and completeness of the project. [CT Summer Reading English IV King Lear Quote Journal 2026-2027](#) The weight for the assignment will be one writing test grade. You are to submit your completed assignment [here](#).

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Assigned drama: *King Lear* by William Shakespeare (click on the link for a parental review of the play: [King Lear by William Shakespeare](#)). All students must have a hard copy of either the book or a printing of the PDF.

Edition: *No Fear Shakespeare King Lear Deluxe Student Edition* ISBN: 978-1411479661

In *King Lear*, widely regarded as William Shakespeare’s crowning artistic achievement, the title character divides his kingdom among the two daughters who flatter him while banishing the third, who genuinely loves him but refuses to play the game. Ultimately, his eldest daughters reject him, leading him to madness. After many twists and turns, his banished daughter returns but too late to *save the day*. In the end, as in every Shakespearean tragedy, the stage is littered with the dead bodies of many of the main characters.

[King Lear Video & Act Summary](#)

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION SUMMER READING 2026-2027

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Your Assignment:

Step One: Read the assigned text below. Annotate as you read for comprehension, but understand that the annotations will not contribute toward the assignment grade.

Step Two: Select one of the four prompts [here](#) (scroll through). You will need to enter your name to access the prompts, but you do not need to click “Turn In.”

Step Three: Write a five or six-paragraph essay (650-800 words) in [this MLA formatted Google doc](#) following [this rubric](#).

Step Four: When you are ready to submit your essay, upload it [here](#).

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Assigned book:

- [Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell](#) (click on the link for a parental review).
- The preferred version of the text is [ISBN-13: 978-0316017930](#)



AP ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION SUMMER READING 2026-2027

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Your Assignment:

Novels: If you have attended Hickory Grove Christian School for your high school years, you have most likely already read the following novels. For any that you have not read, please do so through the course of this summer. Any edition will be fine. There will not be a summer written assignment connected with these novels but there will be testing/writing during the school year (in connection with the AP Lit exam).

- *The Great Gatsby* F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *Frankenstein* Mary Shelley
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* Harper Lee
- *Lord of the Flies* William Golding

Play: Purchase a copy of *No Fear Shakespeare King Lear Deluxe Student Edition* (ISBN: 978-1411479661). All students must have a hard copy of the book. Once you have read the drama, complete the document linked [here](#). The completed quote journal should be submitted [here](#).

Play: *A Raisin in the Sun:* there is a copy of this drama in your AP Lit Handbook. Once you have read the drama, complete the document linked [here](#). The completed quote journal should be submitted [here](#).

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