

SUMMER READING 2026

FRESHMEN (CLASS OF 2030)

All freshmen read this book:

- THEOLOGY I (ACADEMY OATH): *Season of Life*, Jeffrey Marx
ISBN: 978-0743269742

All freshmen read one of these books, depending on their English placement:

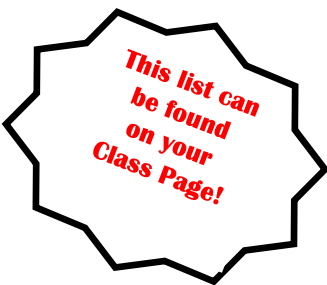
- ENGLISH I COLLEGE PREP: *The Short Story: 30 Masterpieces*, Beverly Lawn, ed.,
ISBN: 978-0312048358 (read the following stories: “The Story of an Hour,” K. Chopin;
“The Lottery,” S. Jackson; “A&P,” J. Updike; “A Worn Path,” Eudora Welty; “The
Chrysanthemums,” J. Steinback; “The Cask of Amontillado,” E.A. Poe; “The Rocking-
Horse Winner,” D.H. Lawrence; “A Good Man is Hard to Find,” F. O’Connor)
- ENGLISH I HONORS: *I Must Betray You*, Ruta Sepetys, ISBN: 978-0593524152

All freshmen read one of these books, depending on their History placement:

- WORLD HISTORY COLLEGE PREP: **no summer reading book**
- WORLD HISTORY HONORS: *Prisoners of Geography*, Tim Marshall,
ISBN: 978-1501121470
- AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY: *Fast Food Nation*, Eric Schlosser,
ISBN: 978-0547750330

SOPHOMORES (CLASS OF 2029)

- ENGLISH II COLLEGE PREP: *Copper Sun*, Sharon Draper,
ISBN: 978-1416953487
- ENGLISH II HONORS: *Into the Wild*, Jon Krakauer,
ISBN: 978-0385486804
- AP WORLD HISTORY: *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race To Save
the World’s Most Precious Manuscripts*, Joshua Hammer,
ISBN: 978-1476777412
- THEOLOGY II COLLEGE PREP: *Pray Like a Champion*, Fr. Nate Willis CSC,
ISBN: 978-1-64680-425-2
- THEOLOGY II HONORS: *He Leadeth Me*, Walter Ciszek,
ISBN: 978-0804141529



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JUNIORS (CLASS OF 2028)

- AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE: *Shadow Divers*, Robert Kurson, ISBN: 978-0375760983
- ENGLISH III COLLEGE PREP: *Brave New World*, Aldous Huxley, ISBN: 978-0060850524
- ENGLISH III HONORS: *Prophet Song*, Paul Lynch, ISBN: 978-0802163523
- US HISTORY HONORS: *Never Caught: The Washington's Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave*, Erica Armstrong Dunbar, ISBN: 978-1501126413
- AP AMERICAN HISTORY (2 books):
 - Book one: *Colonial America: A Very Short Introduction*, Alan Taylor, ISBN: 978-0199766239
 - Book two: *Mapping America*, Jean-Pierre Isbouts and Neil Asbury, ISBN: 978-1948062763
- THEOLOGY III COLLEGE PREP: *The Lord Is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom of the Twenty-Third Psalm*, Harold Kushner, ISBN: 978-1400033355
- THEOLOGY III HONORS: *A Once and Coming Spirit at Pentecost*, Raymond Brown, ISBN: 978-0814621547

SENIORS (CLASS OF 2027)

- ENGLISH IV COLLEGE PREP: *Born a Crime*, Trevor Noah, ISBN: 978-0399588198
- ENGLISH IV HONORS: "This Is Water," David Foster Wallace (<http://bulletin-archive.kenyon.edu/x4280.html>) and *Pig* (2021 movie, Michael Sarnoski)
- AP ENGLISH LIT: *The Nickel Boys*, Colson Whitehead, ISBN 978-0345804341
- AP EUROPEAN HISTORY: *The Communist Manifesto*, Karl Marx and Friederich Engels (any edition) and *The Prince*, Nicolo Machiavelli (any edition)
- AP ART HISTORY: Summer assignments can be found here: [AP ART HISTORY](#)
- CHRISTIAN SERVICE: *Hope for Cynics: The Surprising Science of Human Goodness*, Jamil Zaki, ISBN: 978-1538743065