

Summer Reading 2026

As the end of June approaches, this is a fantastic time to look ahead to vacations, summer jobs, time spent with family and friends, and time to relax and unwind! One of the best ways to both relax and continue to develop your skills as a life-long learner is to pick up a good book to enjoy.

The English Department encourages all students to read at least two books over the summer, whether assigned titles or those that students select and embrace independently. The assigned titles for Regents, Honors, and AP-level classes are listed below, and students can find the written assignments for each of these courses on the EUFSD website.

Students very often ask how they should pick an independent reading book. EHS faculty members have compiled a [list of titles](#) that might be a starting point for our readers of all ability levels, so we encourage you to find something that interests you and would be both engaging and enjoyable. The list of recommended titles includes fiction, nonfiction, and graphic novels, so there's likely something for everyone to enjoy!

In order to engage with an independent text, consider the characters and their core values. What message is an author conveying to readers through these characters? What commentary is the author providing about human nature, or the world as a whole? These are the types of questions you will be discussing with your English class throughout the year, so you can practice these skills as you relax and enjoy the summer titles.

English 9 Honors	<i>The Once and Future King</i> by T.H.White (Book I: <i>The Sword in the Stone</i>) - please see letter for edition ISBN Choice of: <i>Darius the Great Is Not Okay</i> by Adib Khorram OR <i>One Two Three</i> by Laurie Frankel
English 10 Honors	<i>Rebecca</i> by Daphne DuMaurier One additional title of your choice (please see letter)
AP Language and Composition	<i>A Walk in the Woods</i> by Bill Bryson <i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald
AP Literature and Composition	Homer's <i>The Essential Iliad</i> , translated by Stanley Lombardo. <i>A Thousand Ships</i> by Natalie Haynes

** Written assignments are required for Honors and AP Classes**

If you have any questions regarding summer reading, please contact
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