

**Shelter Island High School
Shelter Island, NY**

Summer Reading 2026 Assignment

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Charles W. Eliot once said, “Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and the wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.”

At Shelter Island School we believe that reading during the vacation months contributes significantly to a student’s academic growth and lifelong reading pleasure. As a result, we are committed to a district summer reading program. At the high school level, we require that students read **one** fiction or non-fiction book and **one** companion article. (The article must be from a credible source and be published within the last 5 years. Please see the last page of this packet for guidance.) This packet contains reading lists for each grade level.

Please note there is a separate reading list for College Credit Senior English (see Mrs. Treharne or your Google Classroom for College English for the upcoming school year).

All other students are required to read a book from the list that corresponds to their grade level (the grade they will be entering in the fall). They may NOT substitute alternative titles. In this year’s packet, all new titles are in bold print. The article students choose must have a thematic or topical link to the book they have read and be from a credible source. Students must have their article printed out and with them on the first day of school. The article will be used for class discussion and an assignment that will be assessed at the start of the school year.

Students taking AP English Literature & Composition 11 will be given an additional assignment (see Mrs. Colligan).

It is important to note that all students will be assessed on their summer reading during the first two weeks of school. **Reading should be done carefully, and students should note key ideas either directly in their copy of the book or on post-it notes. Additionally, the chosen article must be read and marked up/annotated.** Grades for summer reading may be the result of a book talk, a formal presentation, a take-home test, or an in-class essay. Additional summer reading packets are available at the Shelter Island Public Library or at the school’s main office. We hope that this year’s summer reading will be both an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

Sincerely,

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English Department

Shelter Island High School
English Department Reading List for Grades 9 & 10
(Titles in bold indicate newer additions to the list)

GENERAL FICTION

Almond, David	<i>A Song for Ella Grey</i>
Angelini, Josephine	<i>Starcrossed</i>
Benway, Robin	<i>Emmy and Oliver</i>
Benwell, Sarah	<i>The Last Leaves Falling</i>
Brashares, Ann	<i>The Whole Thing Together</i>
Brown, Jennifer	<i>Torn Away</i>
Buxbaum, Julia	<i>Tell Me Three Things</i>
	<i>What To Say Next</i>
de la Pena, Matt	<i>The Living</i>
	<i>The Hunted</i>
DeRosnay, Tatiana	<i>Sarah's Key</i>
Dietrich, Cale	<i>The Love Interest</i>
Forman, Gayle	<i>I Have Lost My Way</i>
Keating, Lucy	<i>Dreamology</i>
	<i>Literally</i>
LaCour, Nina	<i>We are Okay</i>
LaFevers, Robin	<i>Dark Triumph</i>
	<i>Mortal Heart</i>
Maas, Sarah J.	<i>Throne of Glass Series</i>
	<i>Court of Thorns & Roses Series</i>
	<i>Crescent City Series</i>
Mbue, Imbolo	<i>Behold the Dreamers</i>
McCoy, Mary	<i>Camp So-and-So</i>
Meyer, Marissa	<i>The Gatlon School for Vigilantes</i>
Miranda, Megan	<i>Fracture</i>
Monk, Sue	<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>
Nelson, Jandy	<i>The Sky is Everywhere</i>
Reynolds, Jason & Brendan Kiely	<i>All American Boys</i>
Reynolds, Jason	<i>Long Way Down</i>
Riggs, Ransom	<i>Hollow City</i>
Saenz, Benjamin Alire	<i>Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets to the Universe</i>
Sanchez, Erika L.	<i>I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter</i>
Smith, Jennifer E.	<i>The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight</i>
Smith, Virginia E.	<i>Stuck in the Middle</i>
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<i>The Running Dream</i>
Vail, Rachel	<i>Unfriended</i>
Vail, Rachel	<i>Well, That Was Awkward</i>

MANGA & GRAPHIC NOVELS

Arakawa, Hiromu	<i>Full Metal Alchemist Series</i>
Isayama, Hajime	<i>Attack On Titan Series</i>
Nakajo, Hisaya	<i>Hana Kimi Series</i>
Oima, Yoshitoki	<i>A Silent Voice</i>
Sakuragi, Yukika	<i>Inubaka: Crazy for Dogs</i>
Tonatiuh, Duncan	<i>Undocumented: A Worker's Fight</i>

HORROR/MYSTERY

Anderson, Natalie	<i>City of Saints and Thieves</i>
Grisham, John	<i>Young Adult Series (Any in his series)</i>
Harvey, Alyxandra	<i>Haunting Violet</i>
Henry, April	<i>The Body in the Woods: A Point Last Seen Mystery</i>
Oliver, Lauren	<i>Vanishing Girls</i>
Roux, Madeleine	<i>Asylum</i>
Ruby, Laura	<i>Bone Gap</i>
Shan, Darren	<i>Zom-B</i>
Stoker, Bram	<i>Dracula</i>

HISTORICAL/MULTICULTURAL

Blumenthal, Karen	<i>Bonnie and Clyde: The Making of a Legend</i>
Farizan, Sara	<i>If You Could Be Mine</i>
Fleming, Candace	<i>Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart</i>
Kelly, Scott	<i>Endurance</i>
Sandler, Martin W.	<i>Imprisoned: The Betrayal of Japanese Americans During WWII</i>
Sepetys, Ruta	<i>Out of the Easy</i>
Sharenow, Robert	<i>The Berlin Boxing Club</i>
Sheinkin, Steve	<i>Bomb</i>
Waller, Sharon Biggs	<i>A Mad, Wicked Folly</i>
Wiles, Deborah	<i>Revolution</i>

ADVENTURE

Defoe, Daniel	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>
Dumas, Alexandre	<i>The Three Musketeers</i>
Shvarts, Andrew	<i>Royal Bastards</i>
Stevenson, R.L.	<i>Treasure Island</i>

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY/DYSTOPIAN

Adams, Douglas	<i>Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>
Aronson, Mark	<i>Eyes of the World</i>
Billingsley, Franny	<i>Chime</i>
Bradbury, Ray	<i>The Martian Chronicles</i>
Chima, Cinda	<i>The Gray Wolf Throne</i>
Deonn, Tracy	<i>Legendborn Series</i>

De La Cruz *Witches of East End*
 Forma, Namina *The Gilded Ones*
 Klune, T.J. *The House in The Cerulean Sea*
 Legrande, Claire *Furyborn Series*
 Johnston, E.K. *The Story of Owen, Dragon Slayer of Trondheim*
 Maguire, Gregory *Egg and Spoon*
 Pearson, Mary E. *The Kiss of Deception (The Remnant Chronicles)*
 Rossi, Veronica *Under the Never Sky*
 Roth, Veronica *Carve the Mark*
 Rowell, Rainbow *Carry On*
 Taylor, Laini *Daughter of Smoke and Bone Trilogy*
 Terrill, Cristin *All Our Yesterdays*
 Vonnegut, Kurt *Cat's Cradle*
 Wells, H.G. *The Time Machine*
The Invisible Man
The War of the Worlds

NON-FICTION

Asbury, Herbert *The Gangs of New York: An Informal History of the Underworld*
 Bragg, Georgia *How They Choked: Failures, Flops and Flaws of the Awfully Famous*
 Conroy, Pat *The Water is Wide*
 DK Publishing *The Feminism Book: The Ideas Simply Explained*
 Jackson, Phil & Hugh Delehanty *Eleven Rings*
 Honnold, Alex *Alone on the Wall*
 Kasky, Cameron *Glimmer of Hope*
 Larson, Erik *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*
 Marie, Meagan *Women in Gaming: 100 Professionals of Play*
 Marrin, Albert *A Volcano Beneath the Snow: John Brown's War Against Slavery*
 McDougall, Christopher *Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen*
 Miranda, Lin-Manuel *Hamilton: The Revolution*
 Mycoskie, Blake *Start Something that Matters*
 Myers, Walter Dean *Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary*
Noah, Trevor ***Born a Crime***
Ripley, Amanda ***The Smartest Kids in the World: And How They Got That Way***
 Schlosser, Eric *Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food*
Senghor, Shake ***Writing my Wrongs: Life, Death, and Redemption in an American Prison***
Sheinkin, Steve ***The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny and the Fight for Civil Rights***
 Stone, Tanya Lee *Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers*
 Tabor, James M. *Blind Descent*
Tammet, Daniel ***Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant***
Thompson, Laurie ***Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something That Matters***
 Zimmern, Andrew *Andrew Zimmern's Bizarre World of Food: Brains, Bugs, & Blood Sausage*

LGBTQ+

Albertalli, Becky *Simon vs. The Homosapiens*
Emezi, Akwaeke *Pet*
Levithan, David *Two Boys Kissing*
Nutt, Amy Ellis *Becoming Nicole*
Saenz, Benjamin *Aristotle & Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*
 The Inexplicable Logic of My Life
Silvera, Adam ***More Happy Than Not***

MORE CHALLENGING READS

Austen, Jane *Sense and Sensibility (or any Austen novel)*
Buck, Pearl *The Good Earth*
Orwell, George *Animal Farm*
Wilde, Oscar *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

**English Department Reading List for Grades 11 & 12 Regents
(Titles in bold indicate newer additions to the list)**

GENERAL FICTION

Allen, Sarah Addison	<i>The Girl Who Chased the Moon</i>
Benway, Robin	<i>Far From the Tree</i>
Brashares, Ann	<i>My Name is Memory</i>
Dessen, Sarah	<i>Once and For All</i>
Emmich, Val	<i>Dear Evan Hansen</i>
Edwards, Kim	<i>The Memory Keeper's Daughter</i>
Fforde, Jasper	<i>The Eyre Affair</i>
Garber, Stephanie	<i>Carnaval</i>
Giffin, Emily	<i>Heart of the Matter</i>
Guskin Sharon	<i>The Forgetting Time</i>
Hikawa, Kyoko	<i>From Far Away</i>
Haddon, Mark	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i>
LaCour, Nina	<i>We Are Okay</i>
Lo, Malinda	<i>Huntress</i>
M. Danforth, Emily	<i>The Miseducation of Cameron Post</i>
Mayhew, Anna Jean	<i>The Dry Grass of August</i>
Meissner, Susan	<i>Secrets of a Charmed Life</i>
Murakami, Haruki	<i>IQ84</i>
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Sunrise Over Fallujah</i>
Picoult, Jodi	<i>The Storyteller</i>
	<i>Lone Wolf</i>
Reedy, Trent	<i>Divided We Fall</i>
Reynolds, Jason	<i>All American Boys</i>
Saenz, Benjamin	<i>The Inexplicable Logic of My Life</i>
Sparks, Nicholas	<i>Every Breath</i>
Stone, Tanya Lee	<i>A Bad Boy Can Be Good For a Girl</i>
Stein, Garth	<i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i>
Stedman, M.L.	<i>The Light Between Oceans</i>
Vlahos, Len	<i>The Scar Boys</i>
Werlin, Nancy	<i>The Rules of Survival</i>
Whaley, John Corey	<i>Noggin</i>
Zentner, Jeff	<i>Goodbye Days</i>
	<i>The Serpent King</i>
Zoboi, Ibi	<i>American Street</i>

MANGA & GRAPHIC NOVELS

Arakawa, Hiromu	<i>Full Metal Alchemist Series</i>
Isayama, Hajime	<i>Attack On Titan Series</i>
Nakajo, Hisaya	<i>Hana Kimi Series</i>

Oima, Yoshitoki *A Silent Voice*
Sakuragi, Yukika *Inubaka: Crazy for Dogs*
Tonatiuh, Duncan *Undocumented: A Worker's Fight*

HISTORICAL/MULTICULTURAL

Bascomb, Neal *The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi*
Benioff, David *City of Thieves*
Burton, Jessie *The Miniaturist*
Coates, Ta-Nehisi *We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy*
Duffy, Chris *Above the Dreamless World: World War I in Poetry and Comics*
Follett, Ken *Pillars of the Earth*
World Without End
Gately, Roberta *Lipstick in Afghanistan*
Heiligman, Deborah *Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers*
Liss, David *Whiskey Rebels*
Reynolds, Jason *For Everyone*
Sharenow, Robert *The Berlin Boxing Club*
Slater, Bashka *The 57 Bus*
Stone, Tanya *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*
Williams, Michael *Now is the Time for Running*

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY/DYSTOPIAN

Aguirre, Ann *Enclave*
Bowman, Erin *Taken*
Das, Indra *The Devourers*
Destefano, Lauren *Wither: The Chemical Garden Trilogy Book One*
Forma, Namina *The Gilded Ones*
Grove, S.E. *The Glass Sentence (first in a new series)*
King, A.S. *Glory O'Brien's History of the Future*
King, Stephen *Eye of the Dragon*
Kittredge, Caitlin *The Iron Codex Book One: the Iron Thorn*
The Nightmare Garden
Klause, Annette Curtis *Freaks: Alive on the Inside*
Klune, T.J. *The House in The Cerulean Sea*
LeGuin, Ursula *The Left Hand of Darkness*
Maas, Sarah J. *A Court of Thorns and Roses*
Crescent City Series
Oliver, Lauren *Delirium*
Pandemonium
Opper, Kenneth *This Dark Endeavor: The Apprenticeship of Victor Frankenstein*
Reeve, Philip *Mortal Engines*
Shusterman, Neal *Scythe*
Taylor, Laini *Strange the Dreamer*
Yancey, Rick *The Infinite Sea: The Second Book of The Fifth Wave Series*

HORROR/MYSTERY

Bell, Alden *The Reapers are Angels*
Cremer, Andrea *Nightshade*
Wolfsbane
Hawley, Noah *Before the Fall*
King, Stephen *Misery*
Unger, Lisa *Fragile*

NON-FICTION/MEMOIR

Blumenthal, Karen *Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition*

Bryson, Bill *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail*
Cain, Susan *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*
Coates Ta-Nehisi *Between the World and Me*
Covey, Sean *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*
DK Publishing *The Feminism Book: The Ideas Simply Explained*
Freedman, Russell *Because They Marched: The People's Campaign for Voting Rights That Changed America (Selma)*
Gladwell, Malcolm *David and Goliath*
Junger, Sebastian *War*
Kalanithi, Paul *When Breath Becomes Air*
Kasky, Cameron *Glimmer of Hope*
Kuo, Michelle *Reading with Patrick: A Teacher, a Student, and a Life-Changing Friendship*
Kurson, Robert *Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of WWII*

Larson, Erik *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*
Letts, Elizabeth *The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis*

Montillo, Roseanne *Fire on the Track: Betty Robinson and the Triumph of the Early Olympic Women*

Miranda, Lin-Manuel *Hamilton: The Revolution*
Mitchell, Don *The Freedom Summer Murders*
Olney, Buster *The Last Night of the Yankee Dynasty*
Philbrick, Nathaniel *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*
Powers, Kevin *The Yellow Birds*
Prout, Chessy *I Have The Right To*
Luttrell, Marcus & James Hornfischer *Service*

Rappaport, Helen *The Romanov Sisters*
Rinaldi, Tom *The Red Bandana: A Life. A Choice. A Legacy.*
Reef, Catherine *Frida & Diego: Art, Love, Life*
Sandler, Martin *Secret Subway: The Fascinating Tale of an Amazing Feat of Engineering*
Schiff, Stacey *Cleopatra: A Life*
Steinberg, Jacques *The Gatekeepers: Inside the Admissions Process of a Premier College*
Strauss, Darin *Half a Life*
Stephen Templin *I am a Seal Team Six Warrior*

Thompson, Laurie *Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something That Matters*

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Albertalli, Becky *Simon vs. The Homosapiens*

Emezi, Akwaeke *Pet*

Levithan, David *Two Boys Kissing*

Nutt, Amy Ellis *Becoming Nicole*

Saenz, Benjamin *The Inexplicable Logic of My Life*

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

Silvera, Adam *More Happy Than Not*

MORE CHALLENGING READS

Bronte, Charlotte *Wuthering Heights*

Frazier, Charles *Cold Mountain*

Heller, Joseph *Catch 22*

King, Stephen *Dark Tower Series* (7 parts)

Mantel, Hilary *Wolf Hall*

Bring up the Bodies (sequel to *Wolf Hall*)

Marquez, Gabriel Garcia *Love in the Time of Cholera*

Ondantje, Michael *The English Patient*

Vonnegut, Kurt *Slaughterhouse Five*

Walls, Jeanette *The Glass Castle*

6 Key Components for Finding a Credible Source:

- 1) **Authority**: Who is the author and is he/she/they credible?
- 2) **Purpose**: Why was the source produced?
- 3) **Platform**: Look at the hosting URL. Examples include .gov or .edu. Sites ending in .com must be evaluated very closely.
- 4) **Links**: What do the links in the article lead to? Are those links working/credible?
- 5) **Depth**: Is the information common knowledge or do you learn more?
- 6) **Timeliness/ Relevance**: Is the source written/edited within the last 5 years?

Summer Reading Additions FRESH for 2026:

9-12th grades:

James by Percival Everett: A retelling of Huck Finn from the perspective of Jim. (Reworking a classic/minority perspective to the center of text.)

The Meadowbrook Murders by Jessica Goodman: When her best friends get murdered in their boarding school dorm room, all fingers point to Amy. Meanwhile, school newspaper reporter Liz digs into the case, unearthing secrets and piecing together clues. With a killer on the loose and a college scholarship at stake, Liz will do anything to find the truth.

Make Good Trouble by Jamia Wilson: This book collects 70 stories about people from various backgrounds who had the courage to challenge injustice. It's a must-read for any passionate young person wanting to shape the future.

Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry: Newest romance by popular author.

The Ministry of Time by Kaliane Bradley: In the near future, a civil servant gets the job of her dreams and then discovers she will be working on a confidential gov't project researching time travel...sci-fi/romance thread/realistic futuristic fiction.

The Last Murder at the End of the World by Stuart Turton: In a post apocalyptic world, one small island remains habitable, free of a deadly smog that has taken everyone else out. Three scientists on the island (pop of 122) keep the smog at bay. When one is murdered, everyone is a suspect and at risk of dying within 92 hours.

Salt & Broom by Sharon Lynn Fisher: A fantasy retelling of Jane Eyre....mysterious, romantic, classic retelling.

Bound by Dragons by Alicia Klapheke: Fantasy with dragons and faeries, romance and action. (Stand alone, not in a series.)

Juniper & Thorn by Ava Reid: Fantasy: Story of a young witch trying to keep her magic while her city and father want to end magic in their city. (Coming of age.)

The Cheat Sheet by Sarah Adams: 9-12: "BookTok" famous, "sports romance"

The Last Bookstore on Earth by Lily Braun-Arnold: After the world ends, Liz converts an abandoned bookstore into her home. When another teenage girl, Maeve, breaks in, the girls form an unlikely alliance to survive. Secrets, romance, and impending doom make this post-apocalyptic YA novel.