

**AP® English Literature
IB HL Literature**

**Recommended Summer Reading 2026—2027
Crime & Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky
Translated by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky**

It is highly recommended that incoming AP® and IB seniors read Fyodor Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment* before returning to school in the fall. It is important that students acquire the translation listed above so teachers and students are working from the same text as translations can vary dramatically. Students in the AP and IB programs need to have the novel read by the third week of school so they will have time to study other literary works needed for their assessments. AP and IB teachers will test on the novel the THIRD week of school.

Copies of this novel are available in the library to check out before summer break. However, students may choose to purchase their own copies for annotation; it helps to make notes or write questions in the margins. This is not required, but it does improve many students' reading comprehension. If you have any questions, please contact English Department Chairs Anna Ruiz (aruiz@riversideunified.org) or June Biernetzky (jbiernetzky@riversideunified.org).

This summer, there will be a combined AP/IB Google Classroom where Ms. Ruiz and Ms. Biernetzky will post resources and suggestions for students while reading the novel. The code for this GC is ao6yru52

<https://classroom.google.com/c/Nzc3MzY5ODUxNzEx?cjc=ao6yru52>