

English Department Summer Reading Assignments- Summer 2026

English 9 - Language and Literature

1. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon
 - Accompanying assignment TBA during first week of school
2. In addition, please print, read, and carefully annotate **three** of the following poems by Maya Angelou [selected poems](#)
 - “Still I Rise”
 - “Phenomenal Woman”
 - “Caged Bird”
 - “On the Pulse of Morning”
 - “A Brave and Startling Truth”

English 9 Honors - Language and Literature

1. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon
 - Accompanying assignment TBA during the first week of school
2. In addition, please print, read, and carefully annotate **five** of the following [selected poems](#) by Jacqueline Woodson.

English 10 Honors

- Read and annotate *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
 - Accompanying assignment TBA during the first week of school

English 10 - Language and Literature

1. *Pride* by Ibi Zoboi
 - Accompanying assignment TBA during the first week of school
2. In addition, please print, read, and carefully annotate **four** of the following [selected poems](#) by Jacqueline Woodson.

IB SL Literature Year 1 (11th grade)

Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel

- Accompanying assignment TBA during first week of school

IB HL Literature Year 1 (11th grade)

Read and annotate *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

IB SL Literature Year 2 (12th grade)

Read a nonfiction book of your choice. Recommendations: *Educated* by Tara Westover, *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote, *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer, *Black Boy* by Richard Wright.

IB HL Literature Year 2

Part 1-

- A. Read *The Stranger*, by Albert Camus (Be sure to get the Matthew Ward translation..Very Important!). Before reading the novel, please watch the following video on existentialism and take notes:
[Existentialism: Crash Course Philosophy](#)

Part 2- After reading *The Stranger*, complete an annotation journal and submit to the summer assignment on Google Classroom on the first day of school:

Annotation Journal Instructions: Choose a quotation from each chapter and discuss its significance in a paragraph. Be sure to analyze literary elements such as diction, setting, symbolism, structure, etc.

IB Film Year 2

Revise the Comparative Study script that you completed at the end of IB Film Year 1.