

Required Summer Reading 2016

Testing on summer novels will take place during the first week of school and will comprise 20% of the first quarter grade. Honors and AP classes have more involved assignments which will be handed out in class.

Testing will involve an essay and multiple-choice questions. Spark Notes and other similar resources will not serve as adequate substitutes for an in-depth reading of the novels.

In addition, the student will be asked to sign a pledge that she has read the required novels.

English I – Introduction to Writing and Literature, Honors, Freshman Level (3 books) Standard College Prep

Each student must read:

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee

The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros

Lord of the Flies, William Golding.

English I – Introduction to Writing and Literature, Honors

Each student must read:

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee

Lord of the Flies, William Golding

Travels with Charley, John Steinbeck

Mythology, Edith Hamilton

English II – American Literature, Honors, Sophomore Level (3 novels)

Each student must read:

When the Emperor Was Divine, Julie Otsuka

Life of Pi, Yann Martel

The Kite Runner, Khaled Hossein

English II – American Literature, Standard College Prep, Sophomore Level (2 novels)

When the Emperor Was Divine, Julie Otsuka
Life of Pi, Yann Martel

English III –AP Language and Composition, Junior Level (4 novels)

Each student must read:

1984, George Orwell
How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Thomas Foster
The Catcher in the Rye, J.D. Salinger

Additionally, choose ONE novel from the following list:

In Cold Blood, Truman Capote
Into Thin Air, Jon Krakauer
Nickel and Dimed, Barbara Ehrenreich
Darkness Visible, William Styron
The Beauty Myth, Naomi Wolff
The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to our Brains, Nicholas Carr
Fast Food Nation, Eric Schlosser

Additional work is required and is detailed on a separate sheet.

English III – British Literature, Standard College Prep, Junior Level (3 novels)

Each student must read:

1984, George Orwell
Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt
Cry The Beloved Country, Alan Paton

English IV – AP English Literature and Composition, Senior Level (3 novels)

Each student must read:

Emma, Jane Austen

Crime and Punishment, Fyodor Dostoevsky

Additionally, choose ONE novel from the following list:

Great Expectations, Charles Dickens

Anna Karenina, Leo Tolstoy

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain

A Passage to India, E.M. Forster

Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston

Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe

The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath

Antigone, Sophocles

English IV – World Literature, Standard, College Prep, Senior Level (2 novels)

Medea, Euripides

The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini

*****The books on this list are available at major bookstores and may also be purchased at amazon.com or other online booksellers.

Tests and essays topics will be distributed during the first day of school in August. This reading list is also available online on the ICCS website.