

White Station High School 2023 Summer Reading

Summer reading is an important part of each student's continuing education. See the summer assignment for your class below. Please have all parts of the assignment completed by the first day of school (July 31, 2023) unless the attached instructions otherwise specify.

English 9:

Choose ONE of the following:

Animal Farm, George Orwell OR
Lord of the Flies, William Golding

Honors English 9:

Any title from the reading list on p. 2 AND

Choose ONE of the following:

Animal Farm, George Orwell OR
Lord of the Flies, William Golding

CLUE English 9:

The Alchemist, Paulo Coelho AND

Choose ONE of the following:

Blink, Malcom Gladwell
The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates, Wes Moore

English 10:

The Poet X, Elizabeth Acevedo

Honors English 10:

The Poet X, Elizabeth Acevedo AND

Choose ONE of the following:

Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury OR
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini

Pre-AP English 10: See specific instructions linked [HERE](#)

English 11:

"Everyday Use," Alice Walker (*short story*; online [HERE](#))

Honors English 11:

"Everyday Use," Alice Walker (*short story*) AND

"Antojos," Julia Alvarez (*short story*) AND

"I Hear America Singing" Walt Whitman (*poem*) AND

"I, Too," Langston Hughes (*poem*)

These selections are linked [HERE](#).

A.P. Language & Composition (11): See specific instructions linked [HERE](#)

English 12:

Murder on the Orient Express, by Agatha Christie (online [HERE](#))

Honors English 12 & DE English IV:

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig (online [HERE](#)) AND

Notes from a Small Island by Bill Bryson (online [HERE](#))

A.P. Literature & Composition (12): See specific instructions linked [HERE](#)

Other Suggested Readings

These modern works are recognized as works written by authors who use a variety of literary skills to relate compelling storylines about complex characters. Many of these titles are award-winners; they contain themes that are universal but also may contain situations that some readers find controversial. When choosing a book to read, you should research the plot summary on Amazon or GoodReads to learn if the book will be appealing to you.

FICTION

The Alchemist, Paul Coelho
All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr
All the Pretty Horses, Cormac McCarthy
Angels in America, Tony Kushner
Atonement, Ian McEwan
Beloved, Toni Morrison
A Bend in the River, V. S. Naipaul
Bone: A Novel, Fae M. Ng
The Bonesetter's Daughter, Amy Tan
Breath, Eyes, Memory, Edwidge Danticat
The Brief Glorious Life of Oscar Wao,
Junot Díaz
Broken for You, Stephanie Kallos
Ceremony, Leslie Marmon Silko
Dreaming in Cuban, Cristina Garcia
Everything I Never Told You, Celeste Ng
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close,
Jonathan Safran Foer
A Gesture Life, Chang-Rae Lee
The God of Small Things, Arundhati Roy
The Goldfinch, Donna Tartt
The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood
House Made of Dawn, N. Scott Momaday
The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros
The Inheritance of Loss, Kiran Desai
In the Time of Butterflies, Julia Alvarez
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan
Kindred, Octavia Butler
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini
Linden Hills, Gloria Naylor
The Memory Keeper's Daughter, Kim Edwards
The Moor's Last Sigh, Salman Rushdie
The Namesake, Jhumpa Lahiri
Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro
The Nickel Boys, Colson Whitehead
One Amazing Thing, Chitra Divakaruna

The Optimist's Daughter, Eudora Welty
Push, Sapphire
A Raisin in the Sun, Lorraine Hansberry
Reservation Blues, Sherman Alexie
Salvage the Bones, Jessmyn Ward
The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle, David Wroblewski
Surfacing, Margaret Atwood
A Thousand Acres, Jane Smiley
A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini
We Were the Mulvaneys, Joyce Carol Oates
A Yellow Raft in Blue Water, Michael Dorris

NONFICTION

All Over But the Shoutin', Rick Bragg
Angela's Ashes, Frank McCourt
The Beauty in Breaking, Michele Harper
Big Magic, Elizabeth Gilbert
Born a Crime, Trevor Noah
Braving the Wilderness, Brene Brown
The Choice, Dr. Edith Eva Eger
In Cold Blood, Truman Capote
Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson
My Losing Season, Pat Conroy
Nickel and Dime, Barbara Ehrenreich
*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That
Can't Stop Talking*, Susan Cain
Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books,
Azar Nafisi.
Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers,
Mary Roach
Teacher Man, Frank McCourt
World of Wonders, Aimee Nezhukumatathil
*You are Awesome: How to Navigate Change,
Wrestle with Failure, and Live an
Intentional Life*, Neil Pasricha