

REQUIRED SUMMER READING (2023-2024) Freshman List

All incoming freshmen must read **two** books chosen from the following list, in any category combination. Students will be tested on both books during the first week of school. The English department recommends that students take notes as they read. **Parents are highly encouraged to review the ratings on www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews when helping a child select a book.**

Fiction (Classics and Contemporary)

1. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
2. *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier
3. *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas
4. *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
5. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
6. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
7. *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
8. *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

Fiction (Young Adult)

1. *The Warrior Heir* by Cinda Williams Chima
2. *The Last Thing I Remember* by Andrew Klavan
3. *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz
4. *The Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld
5. *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
6. *QB I* by Mike Lupica
7. *13 Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson
8. *Ruined: A Ghost Story* by Paula Morris
9. *The Berlin Boxing Club* by Rob Sharenow
10. *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
11. *City of Ghosts* by Victoria Schwab
12. *Gallant* by V. E. Schwab

Non –Fiction

1. *Fourth Down and Inches: Concussions and Football's Make-or-Break Moment* by Carla K. McClafferty
2. *The Courage to Be Happy: The Pope Speaks to the Youth of the World* by Pope Francis
3. *Word by Word: Slowing Down with the Hail Mary* by Sarah A. Reinhard
4. *A Treasury of Miracles for Teens: True Stories of God's Presence Today* by Karen Kingsbury
5. *Grace, Gold, and Glory: My Leap of Faith* by Gabrielle Douglas and Michelle Burford
6. *Ablaze: Stories of Daring Teen Saints* by Colleen Swain

HONORS ENGLISH I STUDENTS:

Honors students must also read:

The Chosen by Chaim Potok

REQUIRED SUMMER READING (2023-2024) Sophomore List

All incoming sophomores must read two books chosen from the following lists. The books may be two fiction books, two non-fiction books, or one of each. Students will be tested on both books during the first week of school. The English department recommends that students take notes as they read. **Parents are highly encouraged to review the ratings on www.common sense media.org/book-reviews when helping a child select a book.**

Fiction (Classics and Contemporary)

1. *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom (Overdrive)
2. *Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson (Overdrive)
3. *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara (Overdrive)
4. *A Lesson before Dying* by Ernest Gaines (Overdrive)
5. *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie (Overdrive)
6. *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* by J. R. R. Tolkien (Overdrive)
7. *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley (Overdrive)
8. *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes (Overdrive)

Fiction (Young Adult)

1. *Maximum Ride* by James Patterson (Overdrive)
2. *Orleans* by Sherri L. Smith (Overdrive)
3. *Variant* by Robison Wells (Overdrive)
4. *Steelheart* by Brandon Sanderson (Overdrive)
5. *Matched* by Allyson B. Condie (Overdrive)
6. *Bridge of Souls* by Victoria Schwab
7. *Batman: Nightwalker* by Marie Lu (Overdrive)
8. *Backlash* by Sarah Littman (Overdrive)
9. *Riders* by Veronica Rossi (Overdrive)
10. *True Legend* by Mike Lupica (Overdrive)
11. *VIII* by H. M. Castor (Overdrive)
12. *Ink and Ashes* by Valynne Maetani
13. *Gallant* by V. E. Schwab

Non-fiction

1. *Throw Like a Girl: How to Dream Big and Believe in Yourself*
by Jennie Finch (Overdrive)
2. *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*
by Malala Yousafzai (Overdrive)
3. *Chasing Space: An Astronaut's Story* by Leland Melvin (Overdrive)
4. *Make Your Bed* by William McRaven (Overdrive)
5. *A Time to Break Silence: The Essential Works of Martin Luther King, Jr. for Students*
by Martin Luther King, Jr. (Overdrive)

HONORS ENGLISH II STUDENTS:

Honors English II students must also read:

How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster (Overdrive)

REQUIRED SUMMER READING (2023-2024) Junior List

All incoming juniors must read two books chosen from the following lists. The books may be two fiction books, two non-fiction books, or one of each. Students will be tested on both books during the first week of school. The English department recommends that students take notes as they read. **Parents are highly encouraged to review the ratings on www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews when helping a child select a book.**

Fiction (Classics and Contemporary)

1. *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway (Overdrive)
2. *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath (Overdrive)
3. *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas (Overdrive)
4. *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom (Overdrive)
5. *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison (Overdrive)
6. *Battlefield Earth* by L. Ron Hubbard (Overdrive)

Fiction (Young Adult)

1. *Rules of Survival* by Nancy Werlin (Overdrive)
2. *The Naturals* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Overdrive)
3. *Nearly Gone* by Elle Cosimano (Overdrive)
4. *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart (Overdrive)
5. *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen (Overdrive)
6. Any of the *Unwind* series by Neal Shusterman (*Unwind*, *UnWholly*, *UnSouled*) (Overdrive)
7. *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard (Overdrive)
8. *Wonder Woman* by Leigh Bardugo (Overdrive)
9. *Scythe* by Neal Schusterman (Overdrive)

Non-fiction

1. *Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis* by Peter Nelson (Overdrive)
2. *The Other Side of Beauty* by Leah Darrow (Overdrive)
3. *Coming Back Stronger: Unleashing the Power of Adversity* by Drew Brees (Overdrive)
4. *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza (Overdrive)
5. *The Water Will Come* by Jeff Goodell (Overdrive)
6. *Ashley's War: The Untold Story of a Team of Women Soldiers on the Special Ops Battlefield* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon (Overdrive)
7. *Unbroken* (Young Adult Version) by Laura Hillenbrand

ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH III STUDENTS:

Students enrolled in AP English III must also read:

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

REQUIRED SUMMER READING (2023-2024) Senior List

All incoming seniors must read two books chosen from the following lists. The books may be two fiction books, two non-fiction books, or one of each. Students will be tested on both books during the first week of school. The English department recommends that students take notes as they read. **Parents are highly encouraged to review the ratings on www.common sense media.org/book-reviews when helping a child select a book.**

Fiction (Classics and Contemporary)

1. *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck (Overdrive)
2. *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khalid Hosseini (Overdrive)
3. *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving (Overdrive)
4. *Emma* by Jane Austen (Overdrive)
5. *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis (Overdrive)
6. *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
7. *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho (Overdrive)
8. *Fool Me Once* by Harlan Coben (Overdrive)
9. *Evil under the Sun* by Agatha Christie (Overdrive)
10. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer

Fiction (Young Adult)

1. *Shift* by Jennifer Bradbury (Overdrive)
2. *The Walls Around Us* by Nova Ren Suma (Overdrive)
3. *Second Chance Summer* by Morgan Matson (Overdrive)
4. *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley (Overdrive)
5. *The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black (Overdrive)
6. *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern
7. *The Hazel Wood* by Melissa Albert (Overdrive)

Non-fiction

1. *In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto* by Michael Pollan (Overdrive)
2. *No Easy Day* by Mark Owen and Kevin Maurer (Overdrive)
3. *Believe: My Faith and the Tackle That Changed My Life*
by Eric LeGrand and Mike Yorkey (Overdrive)
4. *Console Wars: Sega, Nintendo, and the Battle That Defined a Generation*
by Blake J. Harris (Overdrive)
5. *Have a Little Faith: A True Story* by Mitch Albom (Overdrive)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH IV STUDENTS:

Students enrolled in AP English IV must also read the following two books:

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini (Overdrive)

AND

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr