

St. Edward Central Catholic High School

Summer Reading

Dear St. Edward Parents/Guardians,

Students enrolling in AP Language & Composition (Grade 11) and AP Literature & Composition (Grade 12) will have required reading assignments to complete over the summer. These assignments were distributed to students at the mandatory AP English meeting before the end of the school year. If your student has enrolled in AP Language or AP Literature and did not attend this meeting, it is their responsibility to contact the teacher immediately regarding the assignments. Some assignments are due on the first day of school, while some may have deadlines during the summer.

Students enrolled in regular or honors level English courses (Grades 9-12) will not have required summer reading. However, each teacher in the English Department has provided recommendations below for students looking for early engagement with the course over the summer. The selected choices will not be covered in class; they are intended to generate critical thinking and prepare students for the specific genres of literature they will be studying in their upcoming course. Students enrolled in the honors level of each grade will eventually be assigned some kind of required outside reading during the school year, so these recommendations might be useful in preparation for those expectations. But again, these books are recommendations, not requirements.

OPTIONAL Summer Book Recommendations by Grade Level:

9th Grade Literary Genres:

- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry (1993, Fiction)
- *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer (2002, Fiction)
- *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson (2014, Non-Fiction)

For questions or further recommendations, contact Mr. Luke McLoughlin at lmcloughlin@stedhs.org.

10th Grade American Literature:

- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury (1953, Fiction)
- *Every Falling Star* by Sungju Lee (2016, Non-Fiction)
- *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei (2019, Non-Fiction)

For questions or further recommendations, contact Mrs. Bethany Reed at breed@stedhs.org.

11th Grade British Literature:

- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen (1813, Fiction)
- *The Invisible Man* by H.G. Wells (1897, Fiction)
- *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare (1623, Fiction)

For questions or further recommendations, contact Mrs. Katrina Syrris at ksyrris@stedhs.org.

12th Grade World Literature:

- *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini (2007, Fiction)
- *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan (1989, Fiction)
- *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story* by Hyeonseo Lee (2015, Non-Fiction)

For questions or further recommendations, contact Mrs. Megan Schmidt at mschmidt@stedhs.org.

If you have any questions about a course or a book, please contact me at mschmidt@stedhs.org.

Sincerely,



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