

# 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:

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literary Genres:**

- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card (1985, Fiction)
- *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer (2002, Fiction)
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (2014, Fiction)
- What Mr. Noga is planning to read this summer:
  - *The Angel of Indian Lake* by Stephen Graham Jones (2024, Fiction)
  - *The Creative Act: A Way of Being* by Rick Rubin (2023, Non-Fiction)
  - *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* by Stephen King (2000, Non-Fiction)

For questions or further recommendations, contact Mr. Michael Noga at [mnoga@stedhs.org](mailto:mnoga@stedhs.org).

### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade American Literature:**

- *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry (1959, Fiction)
- *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton (1967, Fiction)
- *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen (2006, Fiction, Graphic Novel)

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### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade British Literature:**

- *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen (1811, Fiction)
- *Wars of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells (1898, Fiction)
- *Amusing Ourselves to Death* by Neil Postman (1985, Non-Fiction)
- Any of the *Narnia* books by C.S. Lewis
- Anything by Agatha Christie
- What Mrs. Reed is planning to read this summer:
  - *Equal Rites* by Terry Pratchett (1987, Fiction)
  - *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt (2024, Non-Fiction)

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### **12<sup>th</sup> 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)
- *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman (2012, Fiction)
- What Mrs. Schmidt is planning to read this summer:
  - *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner (2021, Non-Fiction)
  - *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman (2025, Fiction)
  - *Honolulu* by Alan Brennert (2009, Fiction)

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Sincerely,



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