

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The English Department requires **students at all levels to participate in summer reading**. It is only through reading the actual texts, not Spark Notes or other summaries, that students build and expand their reading comprehension and vocabulary levels in preparation for college. All novels have been previewed and selected by the English Department. Please encourage your student to read thoughtfully and carefully the assigned books. Students should expect to be tested on their understanding of the assigned summer reading within the first few weeks of class in the fall.

## **English Department Required Summer Reading Lists 2017/2018 School Year**

### **Freshmen**

#### **English I - Honors**

*The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck  
*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

#### **English I - UCP**

*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

#### **English I – CP**

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor

### **Sophomores**

#### **English II - Honors**

*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain  
*The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

#### **English II – CP and UCP**

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

### **Juniors**

#### **English III AP**

*The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls (Scribner, 2005)  
*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*  
(autobiography, Dover Thrift Edition, 1995)  
*Strength in What Remains* by Tracey Kidder  
(Random House Reader's Circle, 2010)  
*Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance (HarperCollins, 2016)  
*Underground: The Tokyo Gas Attack and the Japanese Psyche* by Haruki  
Murakami (Vintage International Edition, 2001)

#### **English III Honors**

*Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton  
*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

#### **English III UCP**

*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

## **Seniors**

### **English IV - AP**

For purposes of class discussion, **students need to obtain these specific editions.**

Ellison, Ralph. *Invisible Man*. ISBN-13: 9780679732761.

Faulkner, William. *As I Lay Dying*. ISBN-13: 9780679732259.

Heller, Joseph. *Catch-22*. ISBN-13: 9780684833392.

Hosseini, Khaled. *The Kite Runner*. ISBN-13: 9781594480003.

Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein: Case Studies in Contemporary Criticism*.  
ISBN-13:9780312191269.

### **English IV - Honors**

Buford, Bill. *Among the Thugs*. ISBN-13: 9780679745358.

Fowles, John. *The Collector*. ISBN-13: 9780316290234.

Greene, Graham. *The End of the Affair*. ISBN-13: 9780142437988.

Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

ISBN-13: 9781400032716.

Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein: Case Studies in Contemporary Criticism*.

ISBN-13:9780312191269.

### **English IV - UCP**

Thomas C Foster. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*

Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

ISBN-13: 9781400032716.

Students please read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* **first** and then apply what you have learned to the reading of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. You will have an objective test over *The Curious...* almost immediately when you return this fall. You will also have an in-class essay test using both books by the end of the first week.

### **English IV-CP**

Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

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