

# Required Summer Reading

Reading for enjoyment is a priceless pastime that people of all ages enjoy. To cultivate this in our students, the TFS English Department will again require Summer Reading for all students. Each student is responsible for reading one book over the summer. The student may choose which book to read from the list below. During the first two weeks of school, English teachers will be giving an in-class response prompt that assesses comprehension of the book. Later in the first two weeks, students may also work on a project that stems from the book's content. Honors and AP students have required reading that differs from those students not enrolled in Honors or AP classes. Teachers have explained and distributed the specific assignments to all students.

All summer reading grades will be included in the first grading period. Students transferring into the district after the end of the first quarter will not be required to take the summer reading assessment/assignment. All transfer students who arrive during the first quarter will be required to complete the assessment and assignment.

The English Department and Library Director came together to select the required books, based on Illinois state's Read for a Lifetime booklist. We feel they are interesting, insightful, and engaging for teens. Please take a moment to look over the book selections. These books may be found in a variety of locations and students are NOT required to purchase them. The Lansing and Glenwood/Lynwood Libraries both have multiple copies of each title.

Other classes and courses also require summer reading. Please check the school website or see the other side of this sheet to view other classes and courses.

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Students enrolled in Regular English 9, 10, 11, or 12 must choose **one** book from the following list:

## ***-Contemporary Fiction-***

[American Street](#) by Ibi Zoboi  
[The Cheerleaders](#) by Kara Thomas  
[Darius the Great is Not Okay](#) by Adib Khorram  
[Dear Evan Hansen](#) by Val Emmich  
[Dreamland Burning](#) by Jennifer Latham  
[Girl in Pieces](#) by Kathleen Glasgow  
[I Have Lost my Way](#) by Gayle Forman  
[Leah on the Offbeat](#) by Becky Albertalli  
[Love, Hate, and other Filters](#) by Samira Ahmed  
[Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe](#) by Preston Norton  
[On the Come Up](#) by Angie Thomas  
[Piecing Me Together](#) by Renee Watson  
[The Poet X](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo  
[Sadie](#) by Courtney Summers  
[We Regret to Inform You](#) by Ariel Kaplan  
[What if it's Us](#) by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera

## ***-Fantasy/Dystopian Writings-***

[Children of Blood and Bone](#) by Tomi Adeyemi  
[Dry](#) by Neal Shusterman  
[Unearthed](#) by Amie Kaufman

## ***-Nonfiction Options-***

[Anne Frank's Diary: the graphic adaptation](#) by Ari Folman  
[Becoming](#) by Michelle Obama  
[Boots on the Ground](#) by Elizabeth Partridge  
[Educated: a memoir](#) by Tara Westover  
[Hey, Kiddo: a graphic memoir](#) by Jarrett Krosoczka

## ***-Historical Fiction-***

[Refugee](#) by Alan Gratz

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# Honors and AP Required Summer Reading

## Honors English 9

Read TWO of the books on the reverse side of this sheet.

## Honors English 10

Everyone MUST read:

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller

Also, choose ONE of the books listed below:

- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- The Awakening by Kate Chopin
- Black Boy by Richard Wright
- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
- Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
- The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- White Fang by Jack London

## Honors English 11

(assignment on the school website)

Everyone MUST read:

The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater

Also, choose ONE of the books on the reverse side of this sheet.

## AP Language and Composition

(assignment on the school website)

Read BOTH of the books listed below:

- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
- Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris

## AP Literature

Read BOTH of the books listed below:

- Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

## AP United States History

Read the book Triangle: The Fire that Changed America by David Von Drehle

## AP European History

Read chapter 11 from the textbook. If you did not get a textbook before school ended, you will get it at book pick-up in August.

## AP Psychology and AP Chemistry

There is assigned textbook reading for these classes; see the TF South website for complete details.

If you are enrolled in any other AP course

Please check the TF South website for details, if any, on your summer reading.

All titles are available through both  
Lansing Public Library and  
Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library!  
If you don't see them, ask!

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