

English Department Required Summer Reading

All students must read one age-appropriate book of their choice over the summer.

You might begin selecting a book by looking at the YA or Adult Reader sections of the bookstore. You might spend some time on the Internet googling things like “best books for teens” or looking at bestseller lists from Amazon or the New York Times. There are teen best sellers and best sellers for grown-ups. Some “best” lists are even categorized by genre. For example, you might search “best Christian fiction” or “best science fiction” or “best graphic novels.” Take the time to find a book or books that you will enjoy reading. It is not necessary to choose a classic for this assignment. We will read lots of those together over the course of the school year.

Please do not think that you can get by without completing your reading because there is no written summer assignment. During the first few days of school, we will ask you to complete various assignments that require you to think about, talk about, and write about your book.

- If you are a student brand new to NCS and enrolled PRIOR to July 25, these requirements apply to you.
- If you are a student who enrolled after July 25, please confer with your individual instructor about arranging more reading time if it is necessary for you.