

English Department Required Summer Reading

If you are taking standard ELA classes in the fall, we ask that you select any ONE book of appropriate grade level to read over the summer.

If you are taking honors or DE English classes, we ask that you select TWO books of appropriate grade level to read over the summer.

You might begin selecting a book by looking at the YA or Adult Reader sections of the book store. You might spend some time on the Internet googling things like “best books for teens” or looking at best seller 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.

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

- If you are a student brand new to NCS and you enrolled PRIOR to July 15, these requirements apply to you.
- If you are an honors student who enrolls AFTER July 15, we ask that you have one book finished by the first day of school.
- If you are a student who will take standard English and enroll after July 15, please confer with your individual instructor about arranging more reading time if it is necessary for you.