

South Plainfield High School Summer Reading List 2021 *English 102 & English 122—9th and 10th Grade*

All students entering grades 9-12 are required to read two books. The first book must be from the department required reading list. The second book may be an age-appropriate book of the student's choice. It is suggested that students purchase their books for Summer Reading, as they may need them for various assignments in the beginning of the year. Books are available from the South Plainfield Public Library in limited quantities.

➤ **English 102—Grade 9**

Read **one** of the following books:

- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier
- *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin
- *Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
- *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore
- *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *They Cage the Animals at Night* by Jennings Michael Burch
- *Where the Heart Is* by Billie Letts

➤ **English 122—Grade 10**

Read **one** of the following books:

- *Before I Fall* by Lauren Oliver
- *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
- *The Pact* by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt
- *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman

South Plainfield High School Summer Reading List 2021 *English 142 & English 162—11th and 12th Grade*

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● **English 142—Grade 11**

Read **one** of the following books:

- *About a Boy* by Nick Hornby
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Dracula* by Bram Stoker
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift
- *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams

● **English 162—Grade 12**

Read **one** of the following books:

- *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck
- *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *Letters to a Young Poet* by Rainer Maria Rilke
- *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel
- *The Stranger* by Albert Camus
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *Zen in the Art of Archery* by Eugen Herrigel

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Honors English—Grades 9 and 10

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- **English 101 – Grade 9 Honors**

Read **all** of the following books:

- *Anthem* by Ayn Rand
- *Positive: A Memoir* by Paige Rawl

- **English 121 – Grade 10 Honors**

Everyone **must** read:

- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Choose **one** of the following to read:

- *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
- *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
- *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika L. Sanchez
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
- *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater
- *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

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Honors English—Grades 11 and 12

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● **English 141 – Grade 11 Honors**

Read all of the following:

- *About a Boy* by Nick Hornby
- *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift
- *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams

● **English 161 – Grade 12 Honors**

Read all of the following books:

- *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck
- *Oedipus Rex* (also called *Oedipus the King*) by Sophocles
- *1984* by George Orwell

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AP English-Language and Composition-Grade 11

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➤ **English 140 - AP English – Language And Composition – Grade 11**

- Read *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster
- Read **two** books from the SPHS Junior Honors Summer Reading List
- Read **two** works of nonfiction from the following list:
 1. *Alone Together: Why We Expect More from Technology and Less from Each Other* by Sherry Turkle
 2. *Assassination Vacation* by Sarah Vowell
 3. *The Beauty Myth: How Images of Beauty Are Used Against Women* by Naomi Wolf
 4. *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* by Stephen Levitt and Stephen J Dubner
 5. *The Grand Design* by Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow
 6. *This Is Your Brain on Music: The Science of a Human Obsession* by Daniel J. Levitin

You will write a five paragraph essay based on one of the nonfiction books you read. Your essay will be graded according to the attached AP Language Rubric and will be due, PRINTED, on the first day of school. Set up your paper according to MLA guidelines (heading in top left corner, unique title, double spaced 12 point font etc.) Do not arrive asking to print in the computer lab- part of your assignment and your success in this class requires planning ahead.

PROMPT:

Works of nonfiction, whether implicitly or explicitly, present an argument to the reader and support this argument with different types of evidence and rhetorical techniques. Select one work you read and identify the work's central argument. Then analyze the evidence and techniques the author uses to support his or her argument. Finally, in the conclusion, evaluate the argument as a whole. Avoid summary and focus on analyzing and evaluating evidence.

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AP English-Literature and Composition-Grade 12

The AP Literature and Composition course requires extensive independent reading and writing, and is designed for the hardworking student who enjoys both of the aforementioned activities. There will be a test during the first week of school, a project, and an essay associated with these books.

READ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Oedipus Rex* (also known as *Oedipus the King*) by Sophocles
- *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan

In addition to reading all of these texts, AP English Literature students must also complete an MLA-style essay on the topic that is listed below. You must have it submitted to our Google Classroom page in the Classwork stream by the beginning of class on the first day of school, as well as submitting the essay to *Turnitin.com*. Ten points will be deducted for every day that it is late. The first draft of the essay is worth a test grade. You will get it back during the first marking period to revise.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING THE ESSAY (1 Test and 1 Quiz Grade for the Revision)

1. **ESSAY TOPIC** -- Write a 3-5-page essay on one of the above listed summer reading books that focuses on the following topic: What universal truths does your chosen work communicate and how can the work be related to real-world issues? Use several quotes from the novel, quotes from reliable news/history sources, AND personal observations in your essay.
2. **MINIMUM 3 SOURCES** -- Use MLA style when writing the essay. MLA style includes **parenthetical citations** and a **works cited page**. Search online for guides to using MLA style, as there are hundreds of them. In addition to the novel/play, you should have at least 2 other sources that support your contentions.
3. Your essay should include **several direct quotes from the novel** (NOT from something that someone else has written about the novel) to support your points. These quotes should be properly introduced, and the connection of each to the points you are trying to support should be clear.
4. Before you begin to write, **read the PDF file entitled "A Guide to Writing the Literary Analysis Essay"** at

- <http://www.newton.k12.in.us/hs/english/vanduyn/eng11-12ap/A%20Guide%20to%20Writing%20the%20Literary%20Analysis%20Essay.pdf>

5. **Additional Requirements** -- Size 12 text, clear font, double space, begin with title after heading/header, formal/grammatically correct writing. One exception -- You must use the word *I* when making personal connections.

6. If you are planning on buying the summer reading books, Amazon offers reduced-priced used books. These books are also available from the South Plainfield Public Library in limited quantities. Additionally, **the full text of all of these books can be found for free online**. The links are below.

- [Beloved](#)
- [1984](#)
- [Oedipus](#)
- [The Joy Luck Club](#)

I look forward to working with you! Have a great summer!

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P.S. If you are looking for additional reading that will illustrate the style of writing we are going to be aiming for this year, read the magazine *The New Yorker*.