

# TMHS Summer Reading 2024

This summer you should choose a book that will both interest and challenge you. How will you accomplish this task? Choose a book that you will enjoy that is not already part of the school curriculum. The book choice must be appropriate for your reading level and interest (The English Department will make a determination about books that are lower than grade level and credit may not be given if the book is not a proper fit).

If you do not like the work you initially selected, stop and choose another. The point of this assignment is to select a book that you will enjoy reading.

\*\* If you are taking AP English, you must read books assigned by your teacher **and** the additional summer reading book. If you are taking another AP course and there has been an assigned novel as a summer assignment, you may use that same book as your summer reading assignment as well.

**DUE DATE- This assignment is due on the first day of English class during the first full week of school.**

### **Assignment:**

I. After you have read your book, have your parent/guardian sign on the sheet below. Give this signature to your English teacher.  
*(20% of summer reading grade)*

II. As you read, find five (5) brief but important passages..  
-The passages should come from across the book– the beginning, the middle, and the end.  
-Find passages that demonstrate engagement with your reading and display an understanding of what you read.  
-Copy these five brief, but important, passages on a piece of paper.  
On the first day of class in the first full week of school, bring these passages to class.  
*(30% of summer reading grade)*

III. In class, you will write a response to a prompt.  
You will use these five passages to support your answer to the prompt.  
*(50% of summer reading grade)*

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Tear along the dotted line and return to your English teacher with the rest of your summer work by the first day of English class.

I certify that this summer (2024) \_\_\_\_\_ read \_\_\_\_\_.  
(print student name) (book title)

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# Possibilities for Reading

Use these ideas to help you obtain a book that is appropriate for you. Remember to avoid books that are part of the school curriculum. If you are not sure, ask your English teacher before you leave school for the summer.

1. Ask your friends, family, or librarian to recommend a good book.
2. Go to the TMHS Library and check out the selections.
3. Check other recommended reading lists like these online:

American Library Association

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/bbya>

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction-award#current>

School Library Journal

<http://www.slj.com/2014/12/reviews/best-of/best-adult-books-4-teens/>

List challenges: NPR's 100 Best-Ever Teen Novels

<http://www.listchallenges.com/npr-100-best-ever-teen-novels>

NPR Audience Picks: 100 Best Beach Books Ever

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyid=10698362>

SLR list of audiobooks for teens

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2002/may/08/books.booksnews>

## **DO NOT read any of the following books because you may be reading them next year:**

*The following are novels that are taught in the curriculum; therefore, you may not use them for a summer reading assignment. Also, do not select any you have read in elementary or middle school.*

### **Freshman Books**

*April Morning*

*Lord of the Flies*

*The Odyssey*

*The Pearl*

*Romeo and Juliet*

### **Sophomore books**

*The Absolutely True*

*Diary of a Part-Time*

*Indian*

*All Quiet on the Western*

*Front*

*Animal Farm*

*Fahrenheit 451*

*The House on Mango*

*Street*

*The Kite Runner*

*Night*

*Things Fall Apart*

*The Things They Carried*

### **Junior Books**

*Death of a Salesman*

*The Glass Menagerie*

*The Great Gatsby*

*Inherit the Wind*

*Midwives*

*Of Mice and Men*

*One Flew Over the*

*Cuckoo's Nest*

*To Kill A Mockingbird*

### **Senior Books**

*1984*

*As I lay Dying*

*The Awakening*

*Beowulf*

*Brave New World*

*The Catcher in the Rye*

*Defending Jacob*

*Dubliners*

*Frankenstein*

*Heart of Darkness*

*I Know Why the Caged*

*Bird Sings*

*Into the Wild*

*King Lear*

*Macbeth*

*Outliers*

*The Road*