Summer Reading is Encouraged. But not Required
We promote student choice....

AHS English AP Jumpstart Reading Suggestions 2023-2024

We hope you have a fantastic summer! While you're enjoying your time off from school, the AHS AP English teams would like to encourage you to get a jump start on your reading for next school year. We will begin working with these reading selections during the fourth week of the 1st semester, so you will have time to complete your reading before we begin working with them in class.

We recommend all AHS Students commit to reading 30 minutes a day of texts of your choice. If you are looking for books, check out the lists below.

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)
The International Literacy Association (ILA)
The Texas Library Association (TLA)
Houston Area Independent Schools Library
Network We Need Diverse Books Walter Awards
The American Library Association
Newbery Honor Books
Coretta Scott King Honors

AHS Jumpstart Reading Suggestions for AP Lang & AP Lit:

English III AP Language:
We will begin the year focusing on the art of argumentation during the 1st 9 weeks. We suggest you get a jumpstart by reading Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell.

For AP 3, we recommend reading any non-fiction book of your choice and having a personal copy at the beginning of the year. Additionally, They Say I Say will be provided to each student as part of the textbook adoption. If you would like to obtain a personal copy for the school year, you may get one.

English IV AP Literature:
We recommend having a personal copy available of How To Read Literature Like A Professor - Thomas Foster to read during the school year.

*In addition to Foster, students will choose ONE of the following books to explore during the first 9 weeks. We recommend obtaining a personal copy of one of the following novels to read.

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
A Passage to India by E. M. Forster
The Awakening by Kate Chopin
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

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