



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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