

THS Summer Reading 2022

There are many benefits to independent reading—it can improve vocabulary, as well as reading comprehension and writing skills. Most importantly, finding a book you truly enjoy and connect with can help you to foster a lifelong love of reading.

Independent reading is something we will do each grading cycle at THS, and engaging in summer reading is a great way to start the year off on a strong note. There will be an assessment over your chosen book that takes place within the first grading cycle of the 2022-2023 school year. This assessment will not be in the form of a multiple-choice test, rather, it will be something a bit more creative—with a focus on writing.

English I On-Level:

Read **1 fiction novel** that is at least 200 pages in length. Below is a list of suggested books by genre.

English I AAC:

Read **1 fiction novel** that is at least 200 pages in length and chapters 1 and 2 of [How to Read Literature like a Professor](#) by Thomas C. Foster. Below is a list of suggested books by genre.

Book suggestions by genre:

Sci-Fi/ Fantasy

Legend by Mari Lu
Seafire by Natalie C. Parker
Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor
We Hunt the Flame by Hafsah Faizal
Invictus by Ryan Graudin
The Disasters by M.K. England

Romance

The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
Another Kind of Cowboy by Susan Juby
Better Than the Movies by Lynn Painter
I Think I Love You by Auriane Desombre

Realistic

A Short History of the Girl Next Door by Jared Reck
City of Saints and Thieves by Natalie C Anderson
The Art of Holding on and Letting Go by Kristin Bartley Lenz
Like a Love Story by Abdi Nazemian

Historical

Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
The Beholder by Anna Bright
The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont

Sports

After the Shot Drops by Randy Ribay
The Berlin Boxing Club by Robert Sharenow
Cold Day in the Sun by Sara Biran
Mexican White Boy Matt De La Pena

Thriller/ Mystery

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson
One of Us is Lying by Karen M. McManus
The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys
Code of Honor by Alan Gratz

English II On-Level:

Read **1 fiction novel** that is at least 200 pages in length. Below is a list of suggested authors.

English II AAC:

Read **2 fiction novels** that are at least 200 pages in length by the same author **AND** chapters 9 and 10 of [How to Read Literature Like a Professor](#) by Thomas C. Foster.

Suggested Authors:

- Marie Lu
 - Laurie R. King
 - John Green
 - Ruta Sepetys
 - Nic Stone
 - Karen McManus
 - Cassandra Clare
 - James Patterson
 - James Dashner
 - Elizabeth Wein
 - Jason Reynolds
 - Marissa Meyer
 - Matt de la Pena
 - Art Spiegelman
 - Neil Schusterman
 - Margaret Peterson Haddix
 - Steven King
 - Lisa Jewell
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English III On-Level:

Read 1 of the following books below:

- *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman
- *The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness
- *You Asked for Perfect* by Laura Silverman
- *Tyler Johnson Was Here* by Jay Coles

English III AP:

1. Read *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell
 2. At least **1 fiction novel** of your choice; it should be a challenging text such as works by Cormac McCarthy, William Faulkner, Toni Morrison, Amy Tan, Edith Wharton, Charlotte Bronte, Richard Wright, Kazuo Ishiguro, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Virginia Woolf, E.M. Forster, Jane Austen, Annie Proulx, Zora Neale Hurston, Chinua Achebe, or other such writer of comparable literary merit. We will be working with college-level texts in class, so please choose something that is both enjoyable and demanding, **AND**
 3. Read chapters 12 and 13 of [How to Read Literature Like a Professor](#) by Thomas C. Foster
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English IV On-Level:

Read **1 fiction novel** that is at least 200 pages in length. Below is a list of suggested books:

- 📖 *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia E. Butler
- 📖 *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien
- 📖 *Dune* by Frank Herbert
- 📖 *Verity* by Colleen Hoover
- 📖 *The War of Two Queens* by Jennifer L. Armentrout
- 📖 *The Book of Cold Cases* by Simone St James
- 📖 *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab
- 📖 *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr
- 📖 *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys

English IV AP:

Read completely *The Clockwork Universe* by Edward Dolnick **AND** *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

Dual Credit English:

1. Read completely: *The Clockwork Universe* by Edward Dolnick (ISBN: 9780061719523) **AND**
2. Read the following sections of *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens:
 - Book the First (all chapters)
 - Book the Second (chapters 1-14)

Resources:

You may purchase your book from Amazon or a local book store, or you can find free books below to borrow from an online source or local library. Utilize goodreads.com for summaries, reviews, and more information about potential books. If you are wanting to up your level of rigor, see the attached list of [Advanced Placement \(AP\) List of Novels Tested Since 1971](#).

The following online resources will be available all summer and are all accessible through 1Link:

- [Sora](#) has a large selection of eBooks and audiobooks. Most of these are single-user access, but there are about 300 that are available to multiple students at once.
- [JLG \(Junior Library Guild\)](#) has a rotation of multi-user access eBooks and audiobooks. Titles are available for about 3 months at a time. They are all recently published, and they are all available to multiple students at once.
- [Destiny Discover](#) through the THS library catalog

Here are public libraries near you for curbside checkout:

- [The Mission Bend Branch of the Fort Bend County Libraries](#)
- <https://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/basic-page/books-more-curbside-pick-service>