

Reading Memorial High School Summer Reading 2020

In light of the exceptional circumstances that the pandemic presents for teaching & learning, summer reading for English classes this year is *not* required at RMHS; it is 100% optional. Unlike past years, there will be no formal assessments in the Fall for summer reading.

Of course, we still hope you will read as much as you can this summer! The goal is purely engagement and enjoyment. The best thing you can do to keep your mind sharp is read, read, read. Whatever you choose to read, be sure to preview any books before making your selections.

With this in mind, the RMHS English Department has created the following *suggested* titles for summer reading for those who may be looking for more specific guidance. Again, these are just suggestions--we'd like you to read whatever you'd like and have access to! *Speaking of access, please see the back for information on how you can access texts during this challenging time.*

Suggested Titles for English 9 & 10

American Street by Ibi Zboi

Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Outcasts United by Warren St. John

Mexican Whiteboy by Matt de la Pena

Turtles all the Way Down by John Green

The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzie Lee

Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks by Jason Reynolds

Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok

She the People: A Graphic History of Uprisings, Breakdowns, Setbacks, Revolts, and Enduring Hope of the Unfinished Road to Women's Equality by Jen Deaderick (RPL is planning a virtual summer visit with this local author!)

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History by John Barry

Flu: The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus That Caused It by Gina Kolata

Suggested Titles for English 11 & 12

Consider titles for English 9 & 10 plus:

Educated by Tara Westover

Hillbilly Elegy J.D. Vance

The Color of Water by James McBride

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Becoming Nicole Amy Ellis Nutt

Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism by Ron Suskind

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Suggested Titles for Honors & AP English Courses, grades 9-12

Honors 9

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

The Secret Wisdom of the Earth by Christopher Scotton

The Tattooist of Auschwitz and *Cilka's Journey* (sequel) by Heather Morris

Honors 10

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

Any work(s) by the following authors: Julia Alvarez, James Baldwin, Willa Cather, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Min Jin Lee, David Levithan, Toni Morrison, Annie Proulx, Amy Tan, Alice Walker, Colson Whitehead

Honors 11

Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha by Roddy Doyle

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Pride & Prejudice by Jane Austen

Half of a Yellow Sun or *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

AP Language & Composition (grade 11)

The Autobiography of Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley (including Foreword & Epilogue)

On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft by Stephen King

Honors 12:

"The Body" & "Rita Hayworth & the Shawshank Redemption" (2 short stories from Stephen King's book, *Different Seasons*)

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely

Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life by Anne Lamott

An Invitation to Poetry: A New Favorite Poem Project Anthology edited by Robert Pinsky and Maggie Dietz

AP Literature & Composition (grade 12)

How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

Accessing Texts for Summer Reading & Beyond

Reading Public Library at Home: [RPL @ Home](#)

Summer Reading Print Alternatives, Courtesy of the Reading Public Library:
[2020 Summer Reading Print Alternatives](#)