

Black River Public School

High School English Summer Reading 2017 - 2018

What do I need to do?

You need to read the summer reading text(s) assigned for your 2017 - 2018 English class prior to the start of school in August. As you will likely have many activities and responsibilities this summer, please plan accordingly to make sure you budget time to complete your summer reading. *Note: If you are enrolled in an AP English course, you will have additional summer assignments -- please be mindful of all of the reading and writing you must complete during the summer months as it is integral to the content of each course.*

Why does this matter?

Reading is important. Period. Furthermore, we learn about ourselves and the world around us when we engage in meaningful, thoughtful conversations about the literature we've read. Many colleges require first-year students to start the year by reading a common text. The assigned text serves as a catalyst to foster discussion and a sense of community among the diverse members of the incoming class. By incorporating required summer reading into the English curriculum, your English teachers are challenging you to extend your learning experiences beyond the boundaries of the classroom as you explore the assigned text(s) independently during the summer months and return to school prepared to engage in conversations about what you read. Also, READING IS FUN!

What else do I need to know?

Within the first two weeks of your return to school in August, your English teacher will assign *at least* one of these four options to engage you and your classmates in a "conversation" about your assigned summer reading texts:

1. An oral **presentation** demonstrating your thoughts, opinions, and questions in response to the assigned text(s)
2. A **group discussion** in which you'll converse with your peers about the assigned text(s)
3. A **technology-based conversation** using technological tools to convey your thoughts, opinions, or questions in response to the assigned text(s)
4. A **written conversation (essay)** in response to an essential question you'll encounter in your coursework as it pertains to the assigned summer reading text(s)

Your knowledge of the assigned summer reading text(s) will be assessed using the following criteria:

1. Information about the assigned text(s) is accurate and specific
2. Multiple relevant references and examples from the assigned text(s) are used to support one's ideas, opinions, or arguments
3. The "conversation" enhances others' understanding or appreciation of the assigned text(s)

English 9 and English 10 assignment(s) will be worth a total of 50 points and included in your first semester grade.

English 11 and English 12 assignment(s) will be worth a total of 100 points and included in your first semester grade.

AP Language and AP Literature assignments will vary in points based on requirements set forth by the instructor.

Where can I find the books on the lists?

- **Herrick District Library.** Locations on River Avenue and Riley Street.
- **Readers World.** Located in downtown Holland on the corner of River/8th.
- **Barnes and Noble.** Located near the intersection of Riley and US-31.
- **Between The Covers - Used Books.** Located in Holland Town Center.
- Online at www.amazon.com and www.thriftbooks.com

BRPS High School English Summer Reading Texts (2017 - 2018)

ENGLISH 9 AND ENGLISH 10

Students entering English 9 and English 10 are required to read the common read text and are encouraged, but not required, to read one or more of the suggested supplementary texts. Supplementary texts selected by English and history teachers of grades 9 and 10.

Course	Common Read Text	Supplementary Texts
English 9	<p><i>*Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury</p> <p>Note: It is also strongly recommended that new students entering English 9 read <i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry and <i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding prior to the start of classes in August.</p>	<p><i>In the Heart Of The Sea</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick</p> <p><i>*The Diary Of A Young Girl</i> by Anne Frank</p> <p><i>Tuesdays With Morrie</i> by Mitch Albom</p> <p><i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak</p> <p><i>*The Lost City of Z</i> by David Grann</p>
English 10	<p><i>*Of Mice And Men</i> by John Steinbeck</p>	<p><i>*All Quiet On The Western Front</i> by Erich Maria Remarque</p> <p><i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr</p> <p><i>I am Malala</i> by Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb</p> <p><i>*Little Brother</i> by Cory Doctorow</p> <p><i>*Reading Lolita in Tehran</i> by Azar Nafisi</p>

ENGLISH 11 AND ENGLISH 12

Students entering English 11 and English 12 are required to read the common read text and at least one of the supplementary texts.

Course	Common Read Text	Supplementary Texts
English 11	<p><i>*The Sunflower</i> by Simon Wiesenthal</p>	<p><i>Born a Crime</i> by Trevor Noah</p> <p><i>*Lab Girl</i> by Hope Jahren</p> <p><i>*Boy Erased</i> by Garrard Conley</p> <p><i>*The Distance Between Us: A Memoir</i> by Reyna Grande</p> <p><i>*Stealing Buddha's Dinner</i> by Bich Minh Nyugen</p>
English 12	<p><i>*The Catcher in the Rye</i> by J.D. Salinger</p>	<p><i>*The Scarlet Letter</i> by Nathaniel Hawthorne</p> <p><i>*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> by Betty Smith</p> <p><i>*Sense and Sensibility</i> by Jane Austen</p> <p><i>Hag-Seed</i> by Margaret Atwood</p> <p><i>The Circle</i> by Dave Eggers</p> <p><i>*The Poisonwood Bible</i> by Barbara Kingsolver</p>

AP LANGUAGE AND AP LITERATURE

Students are required to read the common read text(s) and at least one supplementary text. Students are also expected to complete the reading and assignments in their AP Lang or AP Lit courses per instructor guidelines (i.e. - Google Classroom, blogs, etc.).

Course	Common Read Texts	Supplementary Texts
AP Lang	<p><i>*The Sunflower</i> by Simon Wiesenthal <u>and</u> the AP Lang Summer Reading Packet</p>	<p><i>Angela's Ashes</i> by Frank McCourt</p> <p><i>* When Women Were Birds</i> by Terry Tempest Williams</p> <p><i>* A Million Little Pieces</i> by James Frey</p> <p><i>Fear And Loathing In Las Vegas</i> by Hunter Thompson</p>
AP Lit	<p><i>How To Read Literature Like A Professor</i> by Thomas C. Foster <u>and</u> <i>*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> by Ken Kesey</p>	<p><i>Boy, Snow, Bird</i> by Helen Oyeyemi</p> <p><i>Possession</i> by A.S. Byatt</p> <p><i>Swing Time</i> by Zadie Smith</p> <p><i>The Golem and the Jinni</i> by Helene Wecker</p> <p><i>The Red Tent</i> by Anita Diamant</p>

* Indicates that a limited number of copies of this text are available to check out from your English teacher PRIOR to the end of the current school year. You will not be able to get copies of these books from school during the summer, and you must return the book at the start of the new school year in the fall.