

## Highland High School 2019 Summer Reading List

All Highland High School students will have at least one novel to read before the beginning of the 2019-20 academic year. While the English Language Arts Department has selected the book per grade level, individual teachers will determine how to utilize the summer reading instruction during the first few weeks of the new school year.

### Strategies for Effective Reading

- Summarize each chapter for later review
- Use Post-it-Notes to Annotate
  - mark important passages
  - record questions
  - Make connections to other works, current events, or personal experiences
- Create a list of characters
- Document unfamiliar words and define them
- Apply literary terms to the reading such as: plot, theme, conflict, symbolism
- Identify who, what, where, when, why, and how
- Keep track of important quotes and pages

### Need assistance finding a choice book?

These are a great source to review prior to making a choice:

Young Adult Library Services Assoc. <http://http://www.ala.org/yalsa/>

School Library Journal <http://https://www.slj.com/>

College Board: 101 Great Books [http://www.alevel-sz.com/sites/default/upload/1/files/201505/college\\_board\\_recommended\\_books\\_1431003022.pdf](http://www.alevel-sz.com/sites/default/upload/1/files/201505/college_board_recommended_books_1431003022.pdf)

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### 9th Grade

**English 9** - Students entering the ninth grade are required to read:

My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman

ISBN: 978-1-5011-1507-3

**Honors English 9** - In *addition* to My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry, Honors English 9 students *must read an additional grade level* appropriate book of your choice.

All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students should read the book(s) during the summer, and come to class prepared to discuss the text, respond to writing prompts, and take a brief assessment.

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### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

**English 10** - Students entering the tenth grade are required to read:

The Other Wes Moore, by Wes Moore.

**Honors English 10** - In *addition* to The Other Wes Moore, students must read The Color of Water, by James McBride.

All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students should read the book(s) during the summer, and come to class prepared to discuss the text, respond to writing prompts, and take a brief assessment.

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### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**English 11** - Students entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade are required to read The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Students will have a copy of this book with them for the first few weeks of school. Over the summer, they must highlight - or note w/ sticky tabs - specific passages in the book that relate to the American Dream, symbolism, or that help to answer the question: "Is Gatsby great?"

**Honors English 11**—*Students must choose two of the following novels to read:*

The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Catcher in the Rye, J.D. Salinger

Slaughterhouse Five, by Kurt Vonnegut

Into the Wild, by Jon Krakauer

As I Lay Dying, William Faulkner

Suggested movies with common themes to the novels (optional): "Little Big Man," "Simon Birch," "Big Fish," "Last of the Mohicans," "The World According to Garp."

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### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**English 12:** Students entering twelfth grade are required to read:

Harry Potter: The Sorcerer's Stone, by J. K. Rowling.

We will use this novel to examine allusions in British Literature and make connections to major British Literary works throughout the year.

### **Honors English 12**

Students enrolled in Honors English 12 are required to read **two** classic British mystery novels over the summer:

- The Hound of the Baskervilles, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- And Then There Were None, by Agatha Christie

ALL HONORS 12 STUDENTS MUST READ BOTH BOOKS. Students should come prepared for classroom discussion, literary analysis, in-class writing and a brief assessment.

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### **Advanced Placement Language and Composition Advanced Placement Literature and Composition**

AP students will have an additional assignment that AP teachers will share prior to summer break. This list is also available in the Highland High School Guidance Office.