

Highland High School 2020 Summer Reading List

All Highland High School students taking an honors or AP level course will have at least one novel to read before the beginning of the 2020-21 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. **There will be no summer reading assignment for students who are not taking AP or honors level courses.**

Strategies for Effective Reading

- Summarize each chapter for late 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

9th Grade Honors English:

Students are required to read *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman. Students should read the book during the summer and come to class prepared to discuss the text, respond to writing prompts, and take a brief assessment.

10th grade Honors English:

Students are required to read *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore. Students should read the novel during the summer and come to class prepared to discuss the text, respond to writing prompts, and take a brief assessment.

11th grade Honors English:

Students entering Honors English 11 are required to read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Students should 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?"

As an optional assignment, students should find another recent book, movie or television series about social stratification.

12th grade Honors English:

Students enrolled in Honors English 12 are required to read *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie. All 12th grade students should read the novel over the summer and come prepared for classroom discussion, literary analysis, in-class writing and a brief assessment.

Advanced Placement Language and Composition:

Students enrolled in AP Language and Composition are required to read the following:

1. *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy OR *World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War* – Max Brooks.
2. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

Advanced Placement Literature and Composition:

Students enrolled in AP Literature and Composition are required to read the following:

1. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster
2. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

AP students will have additional assignments that AP teachers will share prior to summer break.