

## Highland High School 2021 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 2021-22 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 *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson. 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:

### TASK ONE

1. Print out Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter From Birmingham Jail"  
<https://www.gracepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Letter-from-a-Birmingham-Jail-King.pdf> - **first 12 pages only**
2. ... and annotate/label the document in regards to its use of *syntax, diction, structure and rhetorical choices*.
3. In a **hand-written** two pages, craft an essay (**in black ink**) explaining King's stylistic choices in regards to how he communicates his message; this will be used in classroom discussion.

### TASK TWO

1. Read *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury. Examine and list the allusions that the author makes throughout the novel. This novel will be referred to throughout the year regarding the author's voice and structure.
1. Complete the attached chart as you read the novel. Conduct brief research to identify the context of the allusion and explain the author's purpose in utilizing the allusion. This work has numerous allusions! Be sure to document as many as you can as you move throughout the novel: (from beginning to end!) ***This is worth 15 pts. for a minimum of 15 allusions.***

## 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. *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

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