

English II Summer Reading 2021

William Styron once said, "A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading." With this idea in mind, we want to encourage you to develop a new experience this summer through literature.



When we return to school in August, you will be expected to discuss your reading with your classmates and complete a comprehensive assignment related to the book you read.

To guide your book selection, ask yourself these questions:

- What are you doing this summer for fun? Watching T.V.? Playing sports? Visiting foreign places? Playing video games?
- What are some of your hobbies/passions?
- What are things you would read about, or watch videos about, even if you never had to go to school again?
- Who are some people that you admire?
- What are some places that you've visited that you'd love to go back to?

As you read your book,

- think about how you would tell someone else about it without telling the whole story
- read with a "pencil" in hand:
 - highlight/underline specific parts of the book that stand out to you
 - make notes in the margins (either directly on the page or on a Post-It note) about something you want to comment on
 - What seems interesting? unusual? funny? surprising?

Summer Reading Requirements:

- 1) Any genre is allowed (fiction, non-fiction, graphic novel, self-help, etc.)
- 2) A **MINIMUM** of 200 pages
- 3) High school reading level (you may not read a book that was a part of the curriculum for middle school)
- 4) You **CANNOT** read a book that will likely be read in sophomore year (*The Catcher in the Rye*, *I Am Malala*, *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing*, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, *Just Mercy*, *The Truth about Alice*, *The Hate U Give*)
- 5) **Choose a book about something that you are interested in!**

Would you like some suggestions?

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Of course there are many more options than the ones we've included here, so feel free to do some exploring! It is better that you preview the book and find that you are interested in it instead of just picking one from a list. And if the book contains mature content, make sure you get your parent's approval.

- **Westbank Library:** <https://www.westbanklibrary.com/>
The Library will open its doors in June, so you may choose a physical book, or you may also use the app "**Libby**" to read in digital/audio format
- Our own **WHS Library:** <https://thewhslibrary.edublogs.org/>
The Westlake Library has audio versions of many popular best selling books
- **Learning Ally:** if you have a current account with this app, you may also search its contents for a book of interest to you

Again, please make sure that you read something you are truly interested in. If you start a book and find it boring, switch books! We hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to spending an enriching year with you.

If you have any questions about the assignment, you can email our English II teachers - Clausen at aclausen@eanesisd.net, Mrs. Fifield at afifield@eanesisd.net, Mr. Phillips at cphillips2@eanesisd.net, Mr. Scheffler at sscheffler@eanesisd.net.