



2024-2025 English Department Reading Lists

6th grade:

Summer: Choose two of the following not previously read

Brown Girl Dreaming Jacqueline Woodson

Fuzzy Mud Louis Sachar

Ghost Jason Reynolds

Murder is Bad Manners Robin Stevens

New Kid Jerry Craft

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief Rick Riordan

The Crossover Kwame Alexander

The Lions of Little Rock Kristin Levine

The Secret Garden Frances Hodgson

School Year:

Q1: *A Fish in a Tree* Lynda Mullaly

Q2: *The Westing Game* Ellen Raskin

Q3: *Hidden Figures Young Readers Edition* Margot Lee Shetterly

Q4: *The Bronze Bow* Elizabeth George Speare

7th grade:

Summer: Choose two of the following not previously read.

Stella by Starlight Sharon M. Draper

Little Women Louisa May Alcott

Spy School Stuart Gibbs

Anne of Green Gables LM Montgomery

Auggie and Me: Three Wonder Stories R.J. Palacio

Vincent & Theo Deborah Heiligman

School Year:

Q1: *A Long Walk to Water* Linda Sue Park (text provided)

Q2: *One Last Word* Nikki Grimes

Q3: *The Faithful Spy* John Hendrix

Q4: *The Outsiders* S.E. Hinton



8th grade:

Summer Required Text:

Gathering Blue Lois Lowry

AND Choose one of the following not previously read:

Look Both Ways Jason Reynolds

Johnny Tremain Esther Forbes

Piecing Me Together Renee Watson

The Wednesday Wars Gary D. Schmidt

The Boy in the Black Suit Jason Reynolds

And Then There Were None Agatha Christie

The Westing Game Ellen Raskin

The Outsiders S. E. Hinton

School Year: Purchase the edition requested. Students will be asked to annotate, so editions must be free of any writing. Students may check out a book from a library and use sticky notes to make annotations.

Q1: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Mildred Taylor– ISBN-10 : 0142401129; ISBN-13 : 978-0142401125

Q2: *The Magician's Nephew* C. S. Lewis–ISBN-10 : 0064471101; ISBN-13 : 978-0064471107

Q3: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* William Shakespeare (text provided)

AND *Twelfth Night* William Shakespeare (text provided)

Q4: *The Diary of Anne Frank* (play) Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett (text provided)

AND *Just Mercy* (Adapted for Young Adults) Bryan Stevenson

ISBN-10 : 0525580069; ISBN-13 : 978-0525580065

9th grade:

Summer: Choose two of the following not previously read.

The Hobbit J.R.R. Tolkien

The Life of Pi Yann Martel

Rebecca Daphne du Maurier

I am the Messenger Markus Zusak

The Outsiders S.E. Hinton

School Year:

Q1: *A Separate Peace* John Knowles

Q2: Choose one not previously read:

The Hound of the Baskervilles Arthur Conan Doyle

Children of Blood and Bone Tomi Adeyemi

Pride and Prejudice Jane Austen

Q3: *Romeo and Juliet* William Shakespeare (text provided)

Q4: *The Book Thief* Markus Zusak



Honors 9th grade:

Summer:

The Book Thief Markus Zusak

Life of Pi Yann Martel

School Year:

Q1: *Antigone* Sophocles

Q2: *The Count of Monte Cristo* Alexandre Dumas (Must be the Bantam Classics version)

Q3: *Children of Blood and Bone* Tomi Adeyemi

Q4: *Animal Farm* George Orwell

10th grade American Literature:

Summer:

Required: 10-12 Common Reader *Ordinary Grace* William Kent Kruger

The Invention of Wings Sue Monk Kidd

The Pearl John Steinbeck

School Year:

Q1: *The Crucible* Arthur Miller

Q2: *The Great Gatsby* F. Scott Fitzgerald

Q3: *Fahrenheit 451* Ray Bradbury

Q4: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* Zora Neale Hurston

Honors 10th grade American Literature:

Summer:

Required: 10-12 Common Reader *Ordinary Grace* William Kent Kruger

The Invention of Wings Sue Monk Kidd

The Pearl John Steinbeck

School Year:

Q1: *The Crucible* Arthur Miller

Q2: *The Great Gatsby* F. Scott Fitzgerald

Q3: *Fahrenheit 451* Ray Bradbury

Q4: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* Zora Neale Hurston

11th grade British Literature:

Summer:

Required: 10-12 Common Reader *Ordinary Grace* William Kent Kruger

AND choose one of the following not previously read:

White Teeth Zadie Smith

Atonement Ian McEwan

Pride and Prejudice Jane Austen

The Remains of the Day Kazuo Ishiguro

Wuthering Heights Emily Brontë



School Year: Purchase the edition requested. Students will be asked to annotate, so editions must be free of any writing. Students may check out a book from a library and use sticky notes to make annotations.

Q1: *Lord of the Flies* William Golding ISBN-10 : 0399501487; ISBN-13 : 978-0399501487

AND *Beowulf* (text provided)

Q2: *Julius Caesar* William Shakespeare (text provided)

AND *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare (text provided)

Q3: *A Man for All Seasons* Robert Bolt ISBN-10 : 9780679728221; ISBN-13 : 978-0679728221

AND *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* Robert Louis Stevenson

ISBN-10 : 1713326477; ISBN-13 : 978-1713326472

Q4: *1984* George Orwell, any edition

11th grade AP Language and Composition:

Summer:

Required:

10-12 Common Reader *Ordinary Grace* William Kent Kruger

Choose one of the following :

On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft Stephen King

Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing Anne Lamott

AND choose one from the following:

The American Plague: The Untold Story of Yellow Fever, The Epidemic That Shaped Our History Molly Caldwell Crosby

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates Wes Moore

Salvation on Sand Mountain Dennis Covington

An American Childhood Annie Dillard

Morrie: In His Own Words Morrie Schwartz

School Year:

Q1: *The Seagull Reader, Essays, 3rd Ed.* edited by Joseph Kelly

AND *Elements of Style, Illustrated edition*, William Strunk Jr., E.B. White, et al

AND choice novel not previously read from narration unit

Q2: *The Great Divorce* C.S. Lewis

AND *Macbeth* William Shakespeare (Oxford School Shakespeare Edition)

Q3: *Obasan* Joy Kogawa OR *The Picture of Dorian Gray* Oscar Wilde

Q4: *A Time to Kill* John Grisham

Choice novel



12th grade Capstone:

Summer:

Required: 10-12 Common Reader *Ordinary Grace* William Kent Kruger

Choose one from the following:

Sing, Unburied Sing by Jesmyn Ward (NEHS Common Reader)

Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

Things Fall Apart by China Achebe

A Man Called Ove by Fredrick Backman

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

School Year:

Q1: NEHS Common Reader

Q2: *The Kite Runner* - Khaled Hosseini

Q3: *The Nickel Boys* - Colson Whitehead

Q4: *Hamlet* - William Shakespeare (text provided from Mrs. Phipps)

12th grade AP Literature and Composition:

Summer:

Required: 10-12 Common Reader *Ordinary Grace* William Kent Kruger

Choose two or more from the following:

Sing, Unburied Sing by Jesmyn Ward (NEHS Common Reader with essay scholarship opportunity)

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro (NEHS Common Reader with essay scholarship opportunity)

Things Fall Apart by China Achebe

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison (most often cited on the AP Exam)

School Year:

Q1: NEHS Common Reader

Q2: *The Kite Runner* - Khaled Hosseini

Q3: *The Nickel Boys* - Colson Whitehead

Q4: Shakespearean play (to be decided by class)