



Holmes High School

English IV AP Summer Reading

Welcome to AP Literature!

Reading is one of the best things you can do to prepare yourself for the challenges of the upcoming school year and beyond. Now more than ever, it is important to enhance your critical reading skills, expand your vocabulary, and sharpen your focus. There’s no better way to accomplish this than by sitting down with a good book.

We are asking that you, as an AP Literature student, read at least one novel of your choice this summer. There is no other assignment than to read and be ready to discuss your book when school starts.

Remember, you can select any work of fiction you wish to read; it does not have to appear on the list below. The following titles are included just to give you some ideas. Select a novel--with parent approval--that is best suited to your tastes, interests, and values. Feel free to do further research on the book to confirm your choice is the best one for you.

You can check out digital books on Sora, Libby, and Overdrive through your school library. Happy Reading!

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| <div>1. Frankly In Love by David Yoon</div> <div>2. The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde</div> <div>3. Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë</div> <div>4. Just Listen by Sarah Dessen</div> <div>5. Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel</div> <div>6. Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel García Márquez</div> <div>7. Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen</div> <div>8. Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston</div> |
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| <div>1. 1984* by George Orwell</div> <div>2. The Andromeda Strain by Michael Crichton</div> <div>3. Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley</div> <div>4. Breakfast of Champions by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.</div> <div>5. Exit West by Mohsin Hamid</div> <div>6. The Man in the High Castle by Philip K. Dick</div> <div>7. The Martian by Andy Weir</div> <div>8. Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro</div> <div>9. Riot Baby by Tochi Onyebuchi</div> <div>10. The Road by Cormac McCarthy</div> <div>11. Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut</div> <div>12. Station Eleven by Emily St. Jean Mandel</div> |
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| <div>1. All The Truth That’s In Me by Julie Berry</div> <div>2. Bel Canto by Ann Patchett</div> <div>3. Bellweather Rhapsody by Kate Racculia</div> <div>4. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon</div> <div>5. The English Patient by Michael Ondaatje</div> <div>6. Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng</div> <div>7. Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Safon</div> <div>8. The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield</div> <div>9. The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley by Hannah Tinti</div> |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Blue Moon by Lee Child2. Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly3. The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson4. A Headful of Ghosts by Paul Tremblay5. A Madness So Discreet by Mindy McGinnis6. The Raven’s Tale by Cat Winters7. Zone One by Colson Whitehead |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr2. Fruit of the Drunken Tree by Ingrid Rojas Contreras3. A God in Ruins by Kate Atkinson4. Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders5. The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead6. The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien7. A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini8. The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead9. Washington Black by Esi Edugyan10. The Water Dancer by Ta-Nahisi Coates11. The Yellow Birds by Kevin Powers |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. East of Eden by John Steinbeck2. The House of Spirits by Isabel Allende3. The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan4. Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng5. The Memory Keeper’s Daughter by Kim Edwards6. The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri7. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith8. Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward9. We the Animals by Justin Torres |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Another Brooklyn by Jacqueline Woodson2. A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza3. The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd4. Circe by Madeline Miller5. Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman6. Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver7. The Friend by Sigrid Nunez8. The Other Americans by Lalami, Laila9. Out of The Easy by Ruta Sepetys10. A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki11. Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston12. We Are Not From Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez13. Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens14. With The Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo |

1. A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway
2. The Boy In The Black Suit by Jason Reynolds
3. Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano
4. Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
5. George Washington Gomez by Américo Paredes
6. LaRose by Louise Erdrich
7. Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurty

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| 8. News of the World by Paulette Jiles |
| 9. On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong 10. Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe |
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| 1. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie 2. Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner 3. Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng 4. Prep by Curtis Sittenfeld 5. Tradition by Brendon Kiely 6. The Topeka School by Ben Lerner 7. Us Against You by Fredrik Backman |
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| 1. The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger 2. Dig by A.S. King 3. Everyone Knows You Go Home by Natalia Sylvester 4. Fruit of the Drunken Tree by Ingrid Rojas Contreras 5. The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea 6. The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini 7. Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay 8. Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie 9. The Serpent King by Jeff Zentner 10. Where We Come From by Oscar Cásares |

* Indicates vetted, approved titles from the NISD English I-IV Approved Reading List