



RECOMMENDED READING LIST

All students taking an English course other than Honors or AP will need to read at least one book and be prepared to discuss and or write about it in September.



Are you struggling to find the perfect summer read? Check out some titles the CHS English teachers love!

Ms. Solomon recommends the following titles...

Commonwealth by Ann Patchett
Upstream by Mary Oliver
The Nix by Nathan Hill

Mr. Paull recommends the following titles...

Brooklyn by Colm Toibin
A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson

Ms. Dykty recommends the following titles...

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
Into the Water by Paula Hawkins
The Cruel Prince by Holly Black

Mr. Sherwin recommends the following titles...

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
It Happened on the Way to War Rye Barcott
Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut

Ms. Siris recommends the following titles...

The Hamilton Affair by Elizabeth Cobbs
My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante
Mudbound by Hillary Jordan

Ms. Claps recommends the following titles...

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole

Ms. Shields recommends the following titles...

The Tenderness of Wolves by Stef Penney
Beloved by Toni Morrison
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin

Mr. O'Brien recommends the following titles...

The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara
Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce
Gettysburg by Stephen Sears
U2 The Stories Behind Every U2 Song by Niall Stokes

Dr. Roebuck recommends the following titles...

A Game of Thrones (Song of Ice and Fire) by George R.R. Martin
Watchmen by Alan Moore
Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman

Ms. Lewark recommends the following titles...

Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

Ms. Henderson recommends the following titles...

Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver
Rebecca by Daphne DuMaurier
White Teeth by Zadie Smith
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Mr. Holland recommends the following titles...

A Heartbreaking Work Of Staggering Genius by Dave Eggers
House Of Leaves by Mark Z. Danielewski
Blankets by Craig Thompson

Ms. Dodge recommends the following titles. . . .

The Mysterious Affair at Styles by Agatha Christie (a Hercule Poirot mystery)
My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See

Ms. Deirocini recommends the following titles....

Every Day by David Levithan
Barking up the Wrong Tree by Eric Barker

English teachers aren't the only folks who read!

Here are some recommendations from CHS faculty and district administration:

Dr. Treece recommends....

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

Ms. Graja recommends...

The Water is Wide by Pat Conroy
Once Upon a Town by Bob Greene
Chocolate, The Taste of Freedom The Holocaust
Memoir of a Hidden Dutch Child by Maud Peper
Dahme

Ms. Talbot recommends....

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

Dr. Pilitsis recommends...

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
Water For Elephants by Sara Gruen
Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Ms. Lee recommends...

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
American War by Omar El Akkad

Mr. DeVone recommends...

Slaughter House 5 by Kurt Vonnegut
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Anything from Edgar A. Poe

Mrs. Bacso recommend...

All The King's Men by Robert Penn Warren

Ms. Olszyk recommends...

"Dispossessed Lives: Enslaved Women, Violence, and the Archive" by Marisa J. Fuentes
"The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer"
by Anne-Marie O'Connor
"Sweetness and Power: The Place of Sugar in Modern History" by Sidney W. Mintz

Ms. Picos Barraza recommends....

Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario

Mrs. Rivera recommends....

Enrique's Journey / *Sonia Nazario*
From the Barrio to the Board Room, or Mi Barrio/Robert Renteria
House Rules/Jodi Picoult

Ms. Hopkins recommends...

The Gift of Fear by Gavin DeBecker

Mr. Grimaldi recommends...

E.T.A. Hoffmann "The Sand Man"
Thomas Mann, "Mario and the Magician"
Hermann Hesse, Steppenwolf

Ms. McGrath recommends..

H is for Hawk, by Helen Macdonald
Men Explain Things To Me by Rebecca Solnit
The Abundance: Narrative Essays Old and New by Annie Dillard
Between The World and Me by Ta-Nehesi Coates
Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body by Roxane Gay
Men Explain Things To Me by Rebecca Solnit

Mr. Johnson recommends...

Childhood's End by Arthur C. Clark
A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson

Mr. Zalot recommends...

Under The Dome by Stephen King

Ms. Mercurio recommends...

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

Ms. Barzilai recommends...

Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie
What If? by Randall Munroe
Gods Go Begging by Alfredo Vea

Ms. Maloney recommends...

The Divergent Series (Divergent, Insurgent, & Allegiant) by Veronica Roth
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand