

Summer Reading List for Senior English

Please choose at least two books from the following:

1. *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel: How would you like to spend 227 days in a small boat with a tiger? Read to find out what happens.

2. *Things Fall Apart* by Nigerian author Chinua Achebe: What would it be like to be in a society where a foreign government controlled your life?

3. *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini: Read to find out what it is like to be a woman living in modern Afghanistan with a husband you hate.

4. *A Long Way Gone; Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah:

What does war look like through the eyes of a child soldier? How does one become a killer? How does one stop? Read to find out the answers to these questions.

Advanced Placement English Literature Pre-enrollment Reading List

It is strongly recommended that students entering Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition have read, at some time before they begin the course:

Mythology, by Edith Hamilton:

Part One: Gods, Creation, Earliest Heroes
Part Three: Great Heroes
Part Four: Great Heroes
Part Five: Great Families
The Genealogical Tables

From The Bible - King James Version

Genesis Matthew
Psalms Mark
 Luke
 John

Stories of Old Testament Heroes from the Bible or another source.

The legend of King Arthur and his knights, from

The Once and Future King and *The Book of Merlyn*, by T.H. White.

or

The Hollow Hills, The Crystal Cave, The Last Enchantment, and The Wicked Day,
by Mary Stewart.

or

King Arthur and His Knights, by John Steinbeck.

or from another source, with prior approval.

The Chronicles of Narnia or the *Perelandra* trilogy, by C. S. Lewis.

Julius Caesar and *Romeo and Juliet*, by William Shakespeare.

The Scarlet Letter, by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain.

The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck.

You may have noted that many of these works are part of the school's English courses. These works form part of the foundation of our literary tradition or are used as examples or as a basis for discussion of other works. It is therefore important that students be familiar with them at the beginning of the senior year.