

Summer Reading 2024 for English 11

Students taking English 11 in the fall must read two books during the summer or select the optional book.

1. BOOK 1: Choose one book from Book List 1 below. For your Book List 1 choice, you will have an assessment in the first week of school.

The Underground Railroad

Pigs in Heaven

Beloved

News of the World

In Cold Blood

Into Thin Air

The Hot Zone

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

The Great Alone

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Colson Whitehead

Barbara Kingsolver

Toni Morrison

Paulette Jiles

Truman Capote

Jon Krakauer

Richard Preston

Jonathan Safran Foer

Kristin Hannah

2. BOOK 2: Your second book is from Book List 2 below. For your Book List 2 choice, you will have a written assessment during the first week of school.

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Slaughterhouse Five

Native Son

On the Road

The Invention of Wings

The Nightingale

Main Street

*The Plague of Doves**

The Good Earth

The Kitchen God's Wife

Zora Neal Hurston

Kurt Vonnegut

Richard Wright

Jack Kerouac

Sue Monk Kidd

Kristin Hannah

Sinclair Lewis

Louise Erdrich

Pearl S. Buck

Amy Tan

**Contains mature content*

-OR-

3. Optional Book (This choice replaces both Book 1 & Book 2 choices listed above.)

Students may read *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck if they fulfill the following criteria:

1. Sign out the book from your English teacher in June, or read an electronic copy or a personal copy of the text.
2. Turn in the book on the first day of school.
3. Complete an assessment in the first week of school.
4. Take an in-class writing assessment in the first week of school