



Northside ISD Curriculum & Instruction Advanced English II Summer Reading 2023

Welcome to Advanced English!

Reading is one of the best things you can do to prepare yourself for the challenges of the upcoming school year. Enjoying a good book will help expand your vocabulary, deepen critical thinking, and enhance focus and imagination. Equally important, reading is the very best way to strengthen your writing skills!

As a Northside Advanced English student, we ask that you choose one novel from this list this summer to read. There is no assignment other than to read, but pay close attention to literary devices as you go and **be ready to discuss and work with your book when school starts**. You will need access to a copy the first few weeks of school.

The following titles are included to give you plenty of options. They are books that are popular in the library, award winners, or recommended by teachers. The novels marked by an asterisk indicate those on the Northside approved book list. Other titles may contain adult themes and content, so we encourage you to do some research before selecting a title.

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

Happy Reading!

Your Future Advanced English II Teacher

There Might Be Kissing: Romance
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>* by Jane Austen2. <i>The Song of Achilles</i> by Madeline Miller3. <i>The Sun is Also a Star</i> by Nicola Yoon4. <i>There's Something About Sweetie</i> by Sandhya Menon5. <i>Turtles All the Way Down</i> by John Green6. <i>Emma</i> by Jane Austen7. <i>The Selection</i> by Kiera Cass
Nice Place to Visit, But I Wouldn't Want to Live There: Sci Fi, Dystopian, Post Apocalyptic, Fantasy
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Scythe</i> by Neal Shusterman2. <i>The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes</i> by Suzanne Collins3. <i>Unwind</i>* by Neal Shusterman4. <i>Vox</i> by Christina Dalcher5. <i>Warcross</i> by Marie Lu6. <i>A Thousand Steps Into Night</i> by Tracy Chee
Everybody Has Secrets: Mystery
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Monday's Not Coming</i> by Tiffany D. Jackson2. <i>Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore</i> by Robin Sloan3. <i>The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency</i> by Alexander McCall Smith4. <i>The Raven Boys</i> by Maggie Stiefvater5. <i>The Cousins</i> by Karen McManus6. <i>All These Bodies</i> by Kendare Blake7. <i>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</i> by Holly Jackson

Creepy and We Like it: Horror/Thriller

1. *In the Woods* by Tana French
2. *NOS4A2* by Joe Hill
3. *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman
4. *The Poet* by Michael Connelly
5. *The Raven's Tale* by Cat Winters
6. *Dracula** by Bram Stoker

Remembering Wars and Other Larger-Than-Life Events: Historical Fiction

1. *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris
2. *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
3. *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nahisi Coates
4. *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers
5. *My Name is Asher Lev** by Chaim Potok
6. *Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz

What? You Thought only Boys could be Tough?: Books with Strong Female Protagonists

1. *Not a Drop to Drink* by Mindy McGinnis
2. *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo
3. *Stepsister* by Jennifer Donnelly
4. *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi
5. *The Weight of Everything* by Marcia Mickelson
6. *That's Debatable* by Jen Doll

So, You Think You're a Tough Guy?: Books with Strong Male Protagonists

1. *Gutless* by Carl Deuker
2. *Here to Stay* by Sara Farizan
3. *I Am Alfonso Jones* by Tony Medina
4. *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles
5. *Things Fall Apart** by Chinua Achebe
6. *What Is the What* by Dave Eggers

Teen Angst: Relatable Stories of High School Drama

1. *The Serpent King* by Jeff Zentner
2. *Us Against You* by Fredrick Backman
3. *Staying Fat for Sara Byrnes** by Chris Crutcher
4. *One of Us Is Lying* by Karen McManus

This Is My Life: Coming of Age

1. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer
2. *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay
3. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
4. *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart
5. *This is Not a Personal Statement* by Tracy Badua
6. *American Street* by Ibi Zoboi

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

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