



## Northside ISD Curriculum & Instruction Advanced English I Summer Reading 2023

### Welcome to Advanced English I

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 read at least one novel of your choice this summer. You may not choose a novel that you already read during middle school. There is no other assignment over the summer than to read a fiction book and be ready to discuss your book when school starts.

The following titles are included just to give you some ideas. They are books that are either popular in the library, award winners, or recommended by the district. The novels marked by an asterisk indicate those which are on the Northside approved book list. *Some titles may contain adult themes and content, so we encourage you and your parents 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!

<b>There Might Be Kissing: Romance</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>A Long Petal of the Sea</i> by Isabel Allende</li><li>2. <i>One Day</i> by David Nicholls</li><li>3. <b>A novel of your choice</b></li></ol>
<b>Nice Place to Visit, But I Wouldn't Want to Live There: Sci Fi, Dystopian, Post Apocalyptic</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Anthem*</i> by Ayn Rand</li><li>2. <i>Babel-17</i> by Samuel R. Delany</li><li>3. <i>The Circle</i> by Dave Eggers</li><li>4. <i>Ender's Game*</i> by Orson Scott Card</li><li>5. <i>The Illustrated Man*</i> by Ray Bradbury</li><li>6. <b>A novel of your choice</b></li></ol>
<b>Everybody Has Secrets: Mystery</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Bellweather Rhapsody</i> by Kate Racculia</li><li>2. <i>Everything I Never Told You</i> by Celeste Ng</li><li>3. <i>Mercy Rule</i> by Tom Leveen</li><li>4. <b>A novel of your choice</b></li></ol>
<b>Creepy and We Like it: Horror/Thriller</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Blue Moon</i> by Lee Child</li><li>2. <i>The Girl With All the Gifts</i> by M.R. Carey</li><li>3. <i>Gwendy's Button Box</i> by Stephen King and Richard Chizmar</li><li>4. <i>A Headful of Ghosts</i> by Paul Tremblay</li><li>5. <b>A novel of your choice</b></li></ol>
<b>Remembering Wars and Other Larger-Than-Life Events: Historical Fiction</b>

1. *11/23/63* by Stephen King
2. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
3. *We Are Not Free* by Traci Chee
4. *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys
5. *The Lovely War* by Julie Berry
6. **A novel of your choice**

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

1. *The Book Thief*\* by Markus Zusak
2. *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery
3. *The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Halse Anderson
4. **A novel of your choice**

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

1. *Bridge of Clay* by Markus Zusak
2. *Into the Wild Light* by Jeff Zentner
3. *Fahrenheit 451*\* by Ray Bradbury
3. **A novel of your choice**

### Teen Angst: Relatable Stories of High School Drama

1. *Every Exquisite Thing* by Matthew Quick
2. *Goodbye Days* by Jeff Zentner
3. **A novel of your choice**

### This Is My Life: Coming of Age

1. *The Boy Kings of Texas* by Domingo Martinez
2. *Darius The Great is Not Okay* by Adbi Khorram
3. **A novel of your choice**

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