



O'Connor High School
Advanced English I Summer Reading



Welcome to O'Connor High School Advanced Academics!

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

As a Northside Advanced English I student, this summer:

- **You will select and read one novel from the list below.**
- There is no summer assignment other than to read your book and come prepared to discuss it when school begins.
- As you read, you can actively engage with the text by annotating your novel (if it's your own copy) or taking notes to help you better understand and connect with the story.
- At the start of the school year, you will complete a project based on your summer reading.

Remember, you can select whichever book on this list that you wish to read. Choose a book--with parent approval--that is best suited to your tastes, interests, and values. Feel free to do further research on the book to confirm your choice is the best one for you. You can check out digital books on Sora, Libby, and Overdrive through your school library.

Happy Reading!
~Your English 1 Advanced Teachers

There Might Be Kissing: Romance
<div>1. <i>Eleanor and Park</i> by Rainbow Rowell</div> <div>2. <i>A Long Petal of the Sea</i> by Isabel Allende</div> <div>3. <i>One Day</i> by David Nicholls</div> <div>4. <i>Pride and Prejudice*</i> by Jane Austen</div> <div>5. <i>The Sun is Also a Star</i> by Nicola Yoon</div> <div>6. <i>There's Something About Sweetie</i> by Sandhya Menon</div>
Nice Place to Visit, But I Wouldn't Want to Live There: Sci Fi, Dystopian, Post Apocalyptic
<div>1. <i>Babel-17</i> by Samuel R. Delany</div> <div>2. <i>The Circle</i> by Dave Eggers</div> <div>3. <i>Ender's Game*</i> by Orson Scott Card</div> <div>4. <i>The Illustrated Man*</i> by Ray Bradbury</div> <div>5. <i>Uglies</i> by Scott Westerfeld</div> <div>6. <i>Vox</i> by Christina Dalcher</div> <div>7. <i>Warcross</i> by Marie Lu</div>
Everybody Has Secrets: Mystery
<div>1. <i>Allegedly</i> by Tiffany D. Jackson</div> <div>2. <i>Bellweather Rhapsody</i> by Kate Racculia</div> <div>3. <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*</i> by Mark Haddon</div> <div>4. <i>Mercy Rule</i> by Tom Leveen</div> <div>5. <i>Monday's Not Coming</i> by Tiffany D. Jackson</div> <div>6. <i>Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore</i> by Robin Sloan</div> <div>7. <i>The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency</i> by Alexander McCall Smith</div> <div>8. <i>The Raven Boys</i> by Maggie Stiefvater</div>
Creepy and We Like it: Horror/Thriller

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1. *Blue Moon* by Lee Child
2. *Frankenstein** by Mary Shelly
3. *The Girl With All the Gifts* by M.R. Carey
4. *Gwendy's Button Box* by Stephen King and Richard Chizmar
5. *A Headful of Ghosts* by Paul Tremblay
6. *In the Woods* by Tana French
7. *NOS4A2* by Joe Hill
8. *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman
9. *The Poet* by Michael Connelly
10. *The Raven's Tale* by Cat Winters

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

1. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
2. *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys
3. *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Pérez
4. *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nahisi Coates
5. *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers

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

1. *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery
2. *The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Halse Anderson
3. *Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen
4. *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo
5. *Stepsister* by Jennifer Donnelly
6. *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi

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

1. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
2. *Bridge of Clay* by Markus Zusak
3. *Gutless* by Carl Deuker
4. *Here to Stay* by Sara Farizan
5. *I Am Alfonso Jones* by Tony Medina
6. *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles
7. *What Is the What* by Dave Eggers

Teen Angst: Relatable Stories of High School Drama

1. *Goodbye Days* by Jeff Zentner
2. *Us Against You* by Fredrick Backman

This Is My Life: Coming of Age

1. *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Saenz
2. *Bless Me, Ultima** by Rudolfo Anaya
3. *Darius The Great is Not Okay* by Adbi Khorram
4. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer
5. *To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee
6. *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart

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

