



Holmes High School Advanced English I and II Summer Reading

Welcome to Advanced Academics!

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. Reading is also the very best way to strengthen your writing skills!

As a Northside Advanced English student, you're being challenged to read at least one novel of **your choice** this summer. There is no other assignment than to read and be ready to discuss your book when school starts.

Remember, you can select whichever book you wish to read; it does not have to appear on the list below. The following titles are included just to give you some ideas. Select 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!

There Might Be Kissing: Romance

1. *Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell
2. *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende
3. *One Day* by David Nicholls
4. *Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen
5. *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon
6. *There's Something About Sweetie* by Sandhya Menon

Nice Place to Visit, But I Wouldn't Want to Live There: Sci Fi, Dystopian, Post Apocalyptic

1. *Babel-17* by Samuel R. Delany
2. *The Circle* by Dave Eggers
3. *Ender's Game** by Orson Scott Card
4. *The Illustrated Man** by Ray Bradbury
5. *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld
6. *Unwind** by Neal Shusterman
7. *Vox* by Christina Dalcher
8. *Warcross* by Marie Lu

Everybody Has Secrets: Mystery

1. *Allegedly* by Tiffany D. Jackson
2. *Bellweather Rhapsody* by Kate Racculia
3. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime** by Mark Haddon
4. *Mercy Rule* by Tom Leveen
5. *Monday's Not Coming* by Tiffany D. Jackson
6. *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan
7. *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith
8. *The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater

Creepy and We Like it: Horror/Thriller

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 Book Thief** by Markus Zusak
3. *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys
4. *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Pérez
5. *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris
6. *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nahisi Coates
7. *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers

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. *Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen
5. *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo
6. *Stepsister* by Jennifer Donnelly
7. *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. *Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury
4. *Gutless* by Carl Deuker
5. *Here to Stay* by Sara Farizan
6. *I Am Alfonso Jones* by Tony Medina
7. *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles
8. *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 Alire Sáenz
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