



Northside ISD Curriculum & Instruction On Level English I & II Class Summer Reading

Welcome to English I & II,

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 English student, we ask that you read at least one novel of **your choice** this summer. There is no other assignment than to read; however, be ready to complete a **SUMMATIVE** assignment on your summer reading book when school starts.

Remember, you can choose whichever book you wish to read - it does not have to be on the list below. The following titles are included just to give you some ideas. They are books that are popular in the library, award winners, or recommended by teachers. **The novels marked by an asterisk indicate those which are on the Northside approved book list. Other titles may contain adult themes and content, so we encourage you to do some research or speak with your parents before selecting a title.**

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

HAPPY READING!!!

There Might Be Kissing: Romance

1. *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon
2. *Love, Hate and Other Filters* by Samira Ahmed
3. *Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen
4. *There's Something About Sweetie* by Sandhya Menon
5. *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon
6. *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green

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

1. *Anthem** by Ayn Rand
2. *Dry* by Neal Shusterman
3. *Legend* by Marie Lu
4. *The Martian Chronicles** by Ray Bradbury
5. *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld
6. *Unwind** by Neal Shusterman
7. *Warcross* by Marie Lu

Everybody Has Secrets: Mystery

1. *One of Us Is Lying* by Karen McManus
2. *Sadie* by Courtney Summers
3. *Spin* by Lamar Giles
4. *Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson

Creepy and We Like it: Horror/Thriller

1. *In the Woods* by Tana French
2. *The Raven's Tale* by Cat Winters
3. *There's Someone Inside Your House* by Stephanie Perkins

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

1. *Audacity* by Melanie Crowder
2. *The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak
3. *The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee
4. *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys
5. *The Watch That Ends The Night* by Allan Wolf
6. *What I Saw and How I Lied* by Judy Blundell

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

1. *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore
2. *Heartless* by Marissa Meyer
3. *The House on Mango Street** by Sandra Cisneros
4. *The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Halse Anderson
5. *Moxie* by Jennifer Mathieu
6. *Three Dark Crowns* by Kendare Blake
7. *We Are Not From Here* by Jenny Torres Sanchez

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

1. *Code of Honor* by Alan Gratz
2. *Darius The Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khorran
3. *Golden Arm* by Carl Deuker
4. *Here to Stay* by Sara Farizan

5. *Lord of the Flies** by William Golding
6. *We Were Here* by Matt De la Pena

Teen Angst: Relatable Stories of High School Drama

1. *Every Exquisite Thing* by Matthew Quick
2. *Goodbye Days* by Jeff Zentner
3. *Holding Up The Universe* by Jennifer Niven
4. *I'm Not Dying with You Tonight* by Kimberly Jones

This Is My Life: Coming of Age

1. *All-American Muslim Girl* by Nadine Jolie Courtney
2. *American Street* by Ibi Zoboi
3. *Hey Kiddo* by Jarrett Krosoczka
4. *How It Went Down* by Kekla Magoon
5. *The Secret life of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd
6. *Tyler Johnson was Here* by Jay Coles

Incredibly Real Life: Nonfiction

1. *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah
2. *Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang
3. *I am Malala** by Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafazi
4. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
5. *Muck City: Winning and Losing in Football's Forgotten Town* by Bryan Mealer

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