



Northside ISD Curriculum & Instruction English I and II Advance Summer Reading

Welcome to English I and II Advance!

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 Advance 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 pick 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. *All the Ugly and Wonderful Things* by Bryn Greenwood
2. *Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell
3. *The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald
4. *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende
5. *One Day* by David Nicholls
6. *Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen
7. *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller
8. *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon
9. *There's Something About Sweetie* by Sandhya Menon
10. *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. *Babel-17* by Samuel R. Delany
3. *The Circle* by Dave Eggers
4. *Ender's Game** by Orson Scott Card
5. *The Illustrated Man** by Ray Bradbury
6. *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman
7. *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld
8. *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman
9. *Vox* by Christina Dalcher
10. *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. *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng
5. *Mercy Rule* by Tom Leveen
6. *Monday's Not Coming* by Tiffany D. Jackson
7. *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan
8. *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith
9. *The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater
10. *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green

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. *11/23/63* by Stephen King
2. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
3. *The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak
4. *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys
5. *The Lovely War* by Julie Berry
6. *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Pérez
7. *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris
8. *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
9. *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nahisi Coates
10. *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 Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
4. *The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Ralse Anderson
5. *Internment* by Samira Ahmed
6. *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
7. *Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austin
8. *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo
9. *Stepsister* by Jennifer Donnelly
10. *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi

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

1. *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
2. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
3. *Bridge of Clay* by Markus Zusak
4. *City of Thieves* by David Benioff
5. *Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury
6. *Gutless* by Carl Deuker
7. *Here to Stay* by Sara Farizan
8. *I Am Alfonso Jones* by Tony Medina
9. *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles
10. *Things Fall Apart** by Chinua Achebe
11. *What Is the What* by Dave Eggers

Teen Angst: Relatable Stories of High School Drama

1. *Every Exquisite Thing* by Matthew Quick

2. *Goodbye Days* by Jeff Zentner
3. *A Separate Peace** by John Knowles
4. *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green
5. *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. *The Boy Kings of Texas* by Domingo Martinez
4. *The Catcher in the Rye** by J.D. Salinger
5. *Darius The Great is Not Okay* by Adbi Khorram
6. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer
7. *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika L. Sanchez
8. *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay
9. *To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee
10. *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart

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