

Please read the prescribed books for your grade level. For each book read, please complete the assignment, as indicated. Summer reading will then be addressed in the classroom upon return to school in September, in the form of a project-based assessment.

Grade 9: Introduction to Literature

All ninth grade students must read:

- *Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac
- *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

After reading the two novels, please complete the **Basic Overview of a Novel** for each book. You will be participating in small group discussions, conferring with your teacher, and completing a project-based assessment.

Grade 9 Honors: In addition to the two novels listed above, you must read *The Color of Water* by James McBride and complete the **Dialectical Journal** assignment. You will be writing an essay on this book during the first full week of school.

Grade 10: American Literature

All tenth grade students must read:

- *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

After reading the two novels, please complete the **Basic Overview of a Novel** for each book. After conferring with your teacher, you will be completing a project-based assessment.

Grade 10 Honors: In addition, you must read *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak and complete the **Basic Overview of a Novel**.

Grade 11: College Composition

All eleventh grade College Composition students must ‘close read’ all of the following essays:

- “*The Stereotype Trap*” by Sharon Begley
- “*Black Men and Public Space*” by Brent Staples
- “*Why We Crave Horror Movies*” by Stephen King

After reading the three essays, please complete the **SOAPStone handout** for each essay.

Grade 11: British Literature

All eleventh graders must read:

- *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon

After reading the two books, please complete the **Basic Overview of a Novel** for each book.

After conferring with your teacher, you will be completing a project-based assessment.

Grade 11 Honors: In addition, you must read *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and complete the **Basic Overview of a Novel**.

Grade 12: World Literature

All twelfth graders must read:

- *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen
- *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

After reading the two books, please complete the **Basic Overview of a Novel** for each book. After conferring with your teacher, you will be completing a project-based assessment.

Grade 12 Honors: In addition, you must read *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years* by Sarah L. Delany and Elizabeth Delany and complete the **Basic Overview of a Novel**.

Grade 12: Advanced Placement (AP) Literature and Composition

All AP Literature & Composition students must read **THREE** of the following novels:

- *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde
- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
- *The Alchemist* by Paul Coelho
- *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
- *Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger

Please complete the **Dialectical Journal** assignment for only one book. After conferring with your teacher, you will be writing an essay on one of your chosen books during the first full week of school.