

For Grade 12 English Read:

Notes of A Native Son

James Baldwin

Since its original publication in 1955, this first nonfiction collection of essays by James Baldwin remains an American classic. His impassioned essays on life in Harlem, the protest novel, movies, and African Americans abroad are as powerful today as when they were first written.

“A straight-from-the-shoulder writer, writing about the troubled problems of this troubled earth with an illuminating intensity.” —Langston Hughes, *NY Times Book Review*

For Grade 11 English Read:

The Alchemist

Paulo Coelho

The Alchemist is the magical story of Santiago, a shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure as extravagant as any ever found. From his home in Spain he journeys to the markets of Tangiers and across Egypt to a fateful encounter with the alchemist.

The story of the treasures Santiago finds along the way teaches us, as few stories have done, about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, and, above all, following our dreams.

To Kill a Mockingbird

Harper Lee

In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, author Harper Lee uses memorable characters to explore civil rights and racism in the segregated Southern United States of the 1930s. Told through the eyes of Scout Finch, you learn about her father Atticus Finch, an attorney who hopelessly strives to prove the innocence of a black man unjustly accused of rape; and about Boo Radley, a mysterious neighbor who saves Scout and her brother Jem from being killed.

For Grade 9 English Read:

The Book Thief

Marcus Zusak

The extraordinary #1 New York Times bestseller, Markus Zusak's unforgettable story is about the ability of books to feed the soul. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something ...

For Grade 10 English Read:



Snowden Summer Reading 2015



What are you reading this summer?

- ⇒ One book for English class.
- ⇒ One book of your own choice from the Summer Selection.

Due: September 2015

**Snowden International
Summer Reading Selection:
Choose One
of the Following Five Books**



Demian
by Herman Hesse

Emil Sinclair is a young boy raised in a middle class home, amidst what is described as a Scheinwelt, a play on words that means “world of light” as well as “world of illusion”. Emil’s entire existence can be summarized as a struggle between two worlds: the show world of illusion and the real world, the world of spiritual truth. In the course of the novel, accompanied and prompted by his mysterious classmate 'Max Demian', he detaches from and revolts against the superficial ideals of the world of appearances and eventually awakens into a realization of self.

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Drown
by Junot Díaz

Drown is written by Junot Diaz, a Pulitzer prize-winning author. In this collection of short stories, Diaz explores the struggle of Dominican Republic immigrants in the United States to achieve the American Dream. Each story is related, but is a separate vignette, each with its own title. The novel does not follow a traditional story arc but rather each story captures a moment in time. Drown is narrated by an educated adult, and set mostly in the 1980s, with much of the narrative occurring in the narrator’s childhood.



The Given Day
by Dennis Lehane

The Given Day is a historical novel set in Boston, Massachusetts and Tulsa, Oklahoma. The story has two main characters: Aiden “Danny” Coughlin, an ethnic Irish Boston Police patrolman, whose father is a prominent detective and captain in the department; and Luther Laurence, a talented black amateur baseball player from Columbus, Ohio.



People of Paper
by Salvador Plascencia

The People of Paper is an astonishing debut novel about the anguish of lost love. Author Salvador Plascencia, a “once-in-a-generation talent” (George Saunders), weaves together the stories of a large cast of colorful characters, including: a disgruntled monk, a father and daughter, a gang of carnation pickers, and a woman made of paper.

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