

2020 Summer Reading List

Radnor High School English Department

Radnor High School's English department assigns summer reading for all of its English courses. For your reference, we have made this webpage, complete with the list of titles for all classes, to help you complete the summer reading requirements.

Students are expected to return in September having read the book(s) and being prepared to work with it (them). Teachers will teach the book(s) as part of an opening unit and/or ask students to write about it (them) on one of the first days of school.

Our Sora/[Overdrive ebook](#)s and audiobooks offer some of our summer reading selections found on this list. Use your network login information (studentID@rtsd.org and computer password) to borrow these books. Download them to any device. Summer reading books can also be found at your local public library and on their [Overdrive](#) system. You can also find ebooks and audiobooks through [MackinVia](#), online or app version. Login with your Student ID number and the password is your last name. Tutorials and all RTSD Library Resources can be found here: <https://www.smores.com/6u6k3>

Ninth Grade Interdisciplinary (The American Experience 05990011)

Students are to read **TWO** books:

- ***The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace***, by Jeff Hobbs (non-fiction)
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- ***Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail***, by Cheryl Strayed (non-fiction)

Ninth Grade Honors (English 05010110)

Students are to read **TWO** books from the following list:

- ***Patron Saints of Nothing***, by Randy Ribay
- ***Children of Blood and Bone***, by Tomi Adeyemi (fantasy)
- ***The 57 Bus***, by Dashka Slater (non-fiction)
- ***Dry***, by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman (realistic/dystopian)
- ***Such a Fun Age***, by Kiley Reid (fiction)
- ***Slay***, by Brittany Morris (fiction)
- ***Dear Martin***, by Nic Stone (fiction)

Ninth Grade Advanced (English 05010112)

Students are to read **ONE** book from the following list:

- ***One of Us Is Lying***, by Karen McManus (fiction)
- ***The 57 Bus***, by Dashka Slater (non-fiction)
- ***Dry***, by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman (fantasy)
- ***All-American Boys***, by Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely (fiction)
- ***Slay***, by Brittany Morris (fiction)
- ***Dear Martin***, by Nic Stone (fiction)

Ninth Grade College Prep (English 05010114)

Students are to read **ONE** book from the following list: [PA Reader's Choice Nominees 2020-2021](#)

Tenth Grade Interdisciplinary (Integrated Global Issues 05990020)

Students are to read **one** book:

- ***The Kite Runner***, by Khaled Hosseini (fiction)

This class also requires students to follow international current events over the summer. For complete assignment information, please see Social Studies 2020 Summer Assignment.

Tenth Grade Honors (English 05010120)

Students are to read **ONE** book:

- ***The Kite Runner***, by Khaled Hosseini (fiction)

Tenth Grade Advanced (English 05010122)

Students are to read **ONE** book:

- ***Americanized***, by Sara Saedi (non-fiction)

OR

- ***Born a Crime***, by Trevor Noah (non-fiction)
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Tenth Grade College Prep (English 05010124)

Students are to read **ONE** book from the following list: [PA Reader's Choice Nominees 2020-2021](#)

Focused Reading/Writing 9/10

Students are to read **ONE** book of their choosing.

Eleventh Grade Interdisciplinary (Integrated Viewpoints on Modern America 05990030)

Students are to read **ONE** novel and **ONE** non-fiction book and watch **ONE** film:

- ***The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay***, by Michael Chabon (fiction)

AND

- **Viewpoints non-fiction bulk-pack of articles** (accessible from the Internet but combined into one PDF, so you can annotate them more easily: [click here for access to the OneDrive file...](#)and contact Mr. Rosin by email or Schoology if you encounter a tech issue)

AND

- ***The Godfather***, directed by Francis Ford Coppola (film)

Note: RTSD Board policy states that any R-rated film to be used in class must be a part of the curriculum and requires parent permission for viewing. Get your parents' permission before viewing ***The Godfather***; if your parents do not want you to watch this film, please contact the teachers to tell us, and we will provide you with an alternative.

Eleventh Grade Advanced Placement (English Language and Composition 05010128)

Students are to read **TWO** books:

- ***Just Mercy***, by Bryan Stevenson (non-fiction)

AND

- ***The Glass Castle***, by Jeannette Walls (memoir) OR • ***Hillbilly Elegy***, by J. D. Vance (memoir)
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Eleventh Grade Honors (English 05010130)

Students are to read **ONE** novel and **ONE** memoir that considers growing up--through childhood and/or young adulthood--in America.

- ***A Lesson Before Dying***, by Ernest Gaines (fiction)

AND

- ***The Glass Castle***, by Jeannette Walls (memoir)
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Eleventh Grade Advanced (English 05010132)

Students are to read **ONE** book:

- ***The Glass Castle***, by Jeannette Walls (memoir)
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Eleventh Grade College Prep (English 05010134)

Students are to read **ONE** book from the following list: [PA Reader's Choice Nominees 2020-2021](#)

Focused Reading/Writing 11/12

Students are to read **ONE** book of their choosing.

Twelfth Grade Interdisciplinary (Integrated Senior Seminar 05990040)

Students are to read **ONE** book:

- ***The Devil's Highway***, by Luis Albert Urrea (non-fiction)
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Twelfth Grade Advanced Placement (English Literature and Composition 05010138)

Students are to read **ONE** book:

- ***Station Eleven: A Novel***, by Emily St. John Mandel (fiction)
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Twelfth Grade Honors (English 05010140)

Students are to read **ONE** book:

- ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time***, by Mark Haddon (fiction)
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Twelfth Grade Advanced (English 05010142)

Students are to read **ONE** book:

- ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time***, by Mark Haddon (fiction)
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Twelfth Grade College Prep (English 05010144)

Students are to read **ONE** book from the following list: [PA Reader's Choice Nominees 2020-2021](#)
