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Required Summer Reading List for Grades 6-12

Summer is a fantastic time to fall in love with a great work of literature and to sharpen the mind. Therefore, Island School requires all students, grades 6-12, to read at least one book over the summer. Below is a grade-by-grade book list and the requirements for that grade and level.

English 6

All students are required to read *Holes*. Reading at least one other book from the list below is recommended.

- *Holes* by Louis Sachar (Required)
- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

English 7

All students are required to read *The Hunger Games*. Reading at least one other book from the list below is recommended.

- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins (Required)
- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
- *The Island* by Gary Paulsen
- *Absolutely Normal Chaos* by Sharon Creech
- *Feed* by Matthew Tobin Anderson

English 8

All students are required to read *Fahrenheit 451*. Reading at least one other book from the list below is recommended.

- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury (Required)
- *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
- *I Am Malala* [Young Reader's edition] by Malala Yousafzai
- *A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula LeGuin

English 9

All students are required to read *The Book Thief*. Reading at least one other book from the list below is recommended.

- *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak (Required)
- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- *The Last Mission* by Harry Mazer
- *Blue Skin of the Sea* by Graham Salisbury
- *Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac
- *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka
- *My Mother the Cheerleader* by Robert Sharenow

English 10

All students are required to read at least two books from the list below and annotate at least one of those books.

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes
- *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
- *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
- *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
- *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey
- *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom
- *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
- *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton
- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
- *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* by Benjamin Franklin
- *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell

English 11 and 12

- AP Students: Students are required to read and annotate at least three books from the list below.
- College Prep Students: Students are required to read and annotate at least two books from the list below.

- *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad
- *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevski
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville
- *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
- *Billy Budd* by Herman Melville
- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko
- *Light in August* by William Faulkner
- *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner
- *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- *Native Son* by Richard Wright
- *A Passage to India* by E. M. Forster
- *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy
- *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy
- *Candide* by Voltaire
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck