

## High School Summer Reading 2019

Your summer reading assignment this year is to READ. That's all. Just read.

- ★ Optional: You can journal, book club, tweet, talk, and/or draw about these books. But really we just want you to read.
- ★ Below we're giving you a list of favorites from your different English teachers to help you choose. Also know that you can come to any of us before the summer starts to set goals around your summer reading.

### The WHYS of Summer Reading:

- ★ There is lots of research that shows that **every student who does not read over the summer will lose reading growth**. Period. (Check out this Time magazine article stating that "reading just four or five books can ward off setbacks in language skills."  
<http://ideas.time.com/2013/07/01/do-kids-really-have-summer-learning-loss/>
- ★ Summer reading helps you retain the skills that you've gained so far in high school, and help you come back in August prepared to jump right into class and discussions.
- ★ Research also shows that people who read gain great benefits, such as lower stress levels, higher degrees of empathy & cultural awareness, and are able to sleep better. Summer reading is just another way to make your summer break THAT much more relaxing.

Below are some suggestions to help you get started ...

### Ms. Humphrey's Summer Book Picks: (English I teacher)

- The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien
- The Penelopiad: The Myth of Penelope & Odysseus by Margaret Atwood
- The Outsiders by SE Hinton
- In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

### Mr. Torrington's Summer Book Picks: Please see separate document on website. (English II teacher)

### Mrs. Washburn's Summer Book Picks: (AP English Language & Composition teacher)

- The Broken Earth series by N.K. Jemisin
- We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler
- The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

**Mrs. Moore-Hubbard's Summer Book Picks:**  
(English III teacher)

- It's Kind of A Funny Story by Ned Vizzini
- Fire on the Mountain by Terry Bisson
- Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
- Blood Done Sign My Name: A True Story by Timothy B. Tyson

**Mr. Fowler's Summer Book Picks:**  
(AP English Literature teacher)

- Brave New World Aldous Huxley
- The Help Kathryn Stockett
- Homegoing Yaa Gyasi
- The Lords of Discipline Pat Conroy
- Challenge read: The Count of Monte Cristo Alexandre Dumas

**Recommendations from rising seniors:**

- Command and Control by Eric Schlosser
- The Color Purple by Alice Walker
- The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein
- Name of the Wind - Patrick Rothfuss (and Wise Man's Fear)
- Jonathan Livingston Seagull - Richard Bach
- The Alchemist - Paulo Coelho
- Railsea - China Mieville
- A Song of Ice and Fire - G.R.R.M.
- Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
- Prozac Nation by Elizabeth Wurtzel
- Beautiful Boy by David Shelf