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**Summer Reading 2025-2026
Grade 12**

Please purchase and annotate the texts required for your 2025-2026 English class.

Each course and the requirements are listed below:

Advanced World Literature

World Literature

PICK AND ANNOTATE ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING TITLES:

- Book 1: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
- Book 2: *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy
- Book 3: *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka
- Book 4: *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- Book 5: *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas
- Book 6: *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton
- Book 7: *The Plague* by Albert Camus
- Book 8: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- Book 9: *Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez
- Book 10: *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene
- Book 11: *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse
- Book 12: *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel
- Book 13: *Doctor Zhivago* BY Boris Pasternak
- Book 14: *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert
- Book 15: *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

Please purchase and read three books from the list below. AP Literature and Composition students are NOT required to annotate every 10 pages. Instead, you should write a one page reflection / response to the works you choose. This is because you will be doing much more reading than other students. I reserve the right to quiz you on your books as a reading check.

AP Literature and Composition

PICK AND REFLECT ON ANY THREE OF THE FOLLOWING TITLES:

- Book 1: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde
- Book 2: *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy
- Book 3: *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka
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- Book 14: *Blindness* by Jose Saramago
- Book 15: *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- Book 16: *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert
- Book 17: *Cyrano de Bergerac* by Edmond Rostand
- Book 18: *Everything that Rises Must Converge: Stories* by Flannery O'Connor
- Book 19: *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce
- Book 20: *Last Train to Istanbul* by Ayse Kulin
- Book 21: *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

- YOU MUST ALSO READ EDITH HAMILTON'S *MYTHOLOGY* and a children's book of bible stories that can be found here (or one of your choice):
https://download-a.akamaihd.net/files/media_publication/28/my_E.pdf

*You do not need to annotate or respond to either of these books, but I reserve the right to check for reading via test or quiz.

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