



# SUMMER READING TEXTS

# ENGLISH/ LANGUAGE ARTS

These classic and modern texts are riveting, emotionally charged, and unforgettable. The summer months will never be the same again!

Every student should:

- Read the text(s) listed for their upcoming grade level
- Complete the summer reading assignment for the text (provided by the teacher)
- Begin school prepared to discuss the text (the first assessment is over the summer reading)
- Contact your campus' English teacher if there are any questions

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**The Watsons Go to Birmingham**  
by Christopher Paul Curtis

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**The Outsiders**  
by S.E. Hinton

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**Ender's Game**  
by Orson Scott Card

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**The Lord of the Flies**  
by William Golding

## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**The Kite Runner**  
by Khaled Hosseini

## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**The Great Gatsby**  
by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
&  
**The Autobiography of Malcolm X: As Told BY Alex Haley**

## 12<sup>TH</sup>

**The Things They Carried**  
by Tim O'Brien

**Also, 12th grade students must choose one of these additional texts:**

**The Alchemist** by Paulo Coelho

**Bless Me, Ultima** by Rodolfo Anaya

**Flowers for Algernon** by Daniel Keyes

**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** by Mark Twain

**The Catcher in the Rye** by J.D. Salinger

# HUMANITIES

Summer reading in Humanities creates a common culture and shared experience among students and gives them a framework for upcoming course content.

Every student should:

- Teachers will assign students to read at least one of the text(s) listed for their upcoming course.
- Complete the summer reading assignment for the text (provided by the teacher).
- Begin school prepared to discuss the text (the first assessment is over the summer reading).
- Contact your campus' English teacher if there are any questions.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### A Long Walk to Water

by Linda Sue Park

### Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli Children

#### Speak

by Deborah Ellis

### Journey to Jo 'Burg-A South African Story

by Beverly Naidoo

### One Day in the Tropical Rainforest

by Jean Craighead

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### The Bugles are Silent

by John Knaggs

### Lone Star: A history of Texas and the Texans

by T.R. Fehrenbach

### Story of Texas

by Edward Weems

### The Circuit

by Francisco Jimenez

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### Chains by Laurie Halse and Forge

by Laurie Halse

### Blood on the River: Jamestown, 1607

by Elisa Carbone

### The Fifth of March: A Story of the Boston

#### Massacre

by Ann Rinaldi

### The Slave Dancer

by Paula Fox

## AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

**Kiss the Dust**  
by Elizabeth Laird

**How Soccer Explains the World**  
by Franklin Foer

**Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal**  
by Eric Schlosser

**Nickel and Dimed: On Not Getting by in America**  
by Barbara Ehrenreich

**From Columbus to ConAgra** by Alessandro Bonanno

## AP WORLD HISTORY

**A History of the World in 6 Glasses**  
by Tom Standage

**Guns, Germs and Steel**  
by Jared Diamond

**Year of the Hyenas: A Novel of Murder in Ancient Egypt**  
by Brad Geagley

**The Creation of Patriarchy**  
by Gerda Lerner

**Mexico: From the Olmecs to the Aztecs**  
by M. Coe & R. Koontz

## AP US HISTORY

**The Tragedy of American Diplomacy**  
by William Appleman Williams

**A People's History of the United States**  
by Howard Zinn

**Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee**  
by Dee Brown

**The Cold War**  
by John Gaddis

**Unbroken**  
by Lauren Hillenbrand

## AP GOVERNMENT & ECONOMICS

**The Libery Amendments: Restoring the American Republic**  
by Mark Levin

**The Orange Book: Reclaiming Liberalism**

**Basic Economics 5th Ed: A Common Sense Guide to the Economy**  
by Thomas Sowell

**Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything**  
by S. Dubner and S. Levitt

**1984**  
by George Orwell