

St. Thomas More High School 2017 Summer Reading

While the summer is a time to recuperate and enjoy time away from the stresses of school, it is important to keep your minds engaged in reading to ensure skill retention. Therefore, the English Department is requiring summer reading for all English classes for all sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The English Department has chosen novels related to topics students will explore early in the year. For example, sophomores will be reading an American author in preparation for their class in American Literature. In addition, the English Department has chosen novels that they believe are relatable and correlate to the expected reading grade level.

Students may purchase these novels at any bookstore, or they may go to a local library and check them out. The English Department does not require any specific edition or version of the texts below. The Department plans on incorporating the novels into their instruction for approximately the first two weeks of the first quarter, so they advise you to read actively through notetaking and have access to the novel for those first two weeks. Each class will have its own assessments that connect with the novels students read. Students may be tempted to potentially skirt corners and watch the movie of a novel if it is available, but movies often change plot elements and characters from its novel origination.

This information is also posted on the school website by clicking on the “Academics” tab and selecting the English Department page. If you have any questions, please contact either Mr. Wolffersdorff or Mr. Dineen.

Sincerely,

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Novel Titles for 2017/2018 School Year

Incoming Freshmen (Class of 2021)

Noredink.com Grammar Exercises

Incoming Sophomores (Class of 2020)

Death of a Salesman – Arthur Miller

Incoming Juniors (Class of 2019)

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson

Incoming Seniors (Class of 2018)

Life of Pi - Yann Martel

Please note that students in AP Language and Composition and AP Literature and Composition have separate independent summer reading assignments and are not to complete the above assignment.