

ENGLISH: All Honors and AP English classes require a summer assignment. The books selected for required reading for English classes have been approved by Knox County Schools and are listed below.

OTHER HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT: Advanced Placement assignments are available on the school website.

English Outside Reading Assignments for 2024-2025

The works denoted with an asterisk may contain controversial content—language, violence, or mature situations. We encourage parents to collect as much information as possible about the novels if content may be a concern. Websites like <http://commonsensemedia.org> have synopses and are designed to help parents make appropriate decisions about what their child is ready to read. These synopses are posted on our website. Alternate titles are available for all of these works; parents must request these through the school office.

9 Honors	<p>Mandatory Reads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read one realistic young adult book by one of the following authors: Jason Reynolds, Elizabeth Acevedo, Becky Albertalli, Adam Silvera, Nic Stone, Julie Murphy, Neal Shusterman, Matt de la Peña & ● <i>*How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> – Thomas Foster ● Chapters 16 and 17 of <i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> contain sensitive content but will not be discussed in class. Students may safely skip these chapters without fear of penalty.
10 Honors	<p>Mandatory Read: Choose one of the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>*Brave New World</i> – Aldous Huxley & ● <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> – Jane Austen
11 AP Language	<p>See website: https://www.knoxschools.org/domain/10380</p>
12 AP Literature	<p>Mandatory Reads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>The Great Gatsby</i>–F. Scott Fitzgerald ● <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>–Lorraine Hansberry*
AP Research	<p>Mandatory Read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Think Like a Freak: The Authors of Freakonomics Offer to Retrain Your Brain</i>– Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
AP Seminar	<p>Mandatory Read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Think Like a Freak: The Authors of Freakonomics Offer to Retrain Your Brain</i>– Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner