

East Central High School
English Department
Summer Reading • 2019

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The following English language arts and reading sequence of courses are designed to prepare students for advanced coursework while still in a high school setting. A vital skill necessary for the success of all students is to engage in extensive reading. We have provided a list of novels and plays for you to read and study over the summer. Some Colloquium courses may require particular assignments to be completed prior to the start of the first day of school.

Most importantly, we encourage you to choose stories you find interesting and will enjoy. We can't wait to hear all about your literary adventures!

Sincerely,
Your English Teachers

NOTE: *The list contains works with a variety of content and reading levels. Although some pieces have mature themes, all titles are works of literary merit. For any questions, please contact your English teacher.*

English III

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Challenge: Read any of the following works of American Literature. Be prepared to connect your understanding of American culture to what you learn in class.

the 1950s

Catcher in the Rye - Salinger
On the Road - Kerouac
Invisible Man - Ellison
East of Eden - Steinbeck
Lie Down in Darkness - Styron
Atlas Shrugged - Rand

the 1960s

Rabbit, Run - Updike
The Bell Jar - Plath
Catch-22 - Heller
Slaughterhouse-5 - Vonnegut
Cat's Cradle - Vonnegut
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? - Dick
The Valley of the Dolls - Susann
House Made of Dawn - Momaday

the 1970s

The Bluest Eye - Morrison
The Drifters - Michener

the 1980s

The Handmaid's Tale - Atwood
The Bonfire of the Vanities - Wolfe
The Accidental Tourist - Tyler
The Joy Luck Club - Tan
White Noise - De Lillo