

East Central High School  
English Department  
**Summer Reading • 2019**

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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.*

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**Challenge:** Read a nonfiction news article about any of the following social issues. Find out as much as you can about current events in our country. Be prepared to discuss what you learn.

- U.S. Bill of Rights
- protest movements
- human rights campaigns
- wage inequality
- incarceration
- student loan debt
- terrorism
- government assistance programs
- poverty
- homelessness
- racism
- gun control
- public v. private education
- environmental issues (climate change)
- ethics regarding science & technology
- sports-related concerns
- controversial figures in the spotlight
- animal rights
- women's rights
- refugees
- food production
- immigration reform