Taunton High School strongly encourages all students to read widely throughout the school year and especially over the summer months. Students can avoid the “summer slide” - where skills can slip as much as one grade level in just a few short weeks - by reading something every day. We encourage students to visit a local library or find interesting articles or stories on-line. Summer reading systematically increases vocabulary, reading stamina, and knowledge.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go."
~ Dr. Seuss ~

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**GRADE 9**

**Honors:** Each student must choose three of the following short stories to read over summer vacation. During the first week of class, you will be required to write an essay on the assigned readings. You are encouraged to take notes on what you have read.

- Judith Ortiz Cofer - “American History”
- Flannery O’Connor - “A Temple of the Holy Ghost”
- Sandra Cisneros - “Eleven”
- Ray Bradbury - “The Veldt”
- Willa Cather - “Paul’s Case”

**College Prep 1:** Each student must choose two of the following short stories to read over summer vacation. During the first week of class, you will be required to write an essay on the assigned readings. You are encouraged to take notes on what you have read.

**College Prep 2:** Each student must select a book of his/her choice to read during his/her scheduled English class. All students will be expected to keep an active reading log.

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**GRADE 10**

**Honors:** Each student must read *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho over summer vacation. During the first week of class, you will be required to write an essay on this novel and an additional reading which will be assigned in class. You are encouraged to take notes on what you have read.

**College Prep 1:** Each student must read *The Alchemist* excerpt by Paulo Coelho over summer vacation. During the first week of class, you will be required to write an essay on this excerpt and an additional reading which will be assigned in class. You are encouraged to take notes on what you have read.

**College Prep 2:** Each student must select a book of his/her choice to read during his/her scheduled English class. All students will be expected to keep an active reading log.

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**GRADE 11**

**Honors:** Each student must read *Educated* by Tara Westover during the summer plus one book that aligns with at least one of the following themes: The American Dream, Dreams Deferred, Redefining Family, Agents of Change. During the first week of class, students will be assessed on their reading. You are encouraged to take notes on what you have read.

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All summer reading materials, links and expectations can be found on the Summer Reading Google Classroom. Use CODE - fxzpukk
**College Prep 1:** Each student must read **ONE** book during the summer that aligns with at least one of the following themes: The American Dream, Dreams Deferred, Redefining Family, Agents of Change. During the first week of class, students will be assessed on their reading. You are encouraged to take notes on what you have read.

**College Prep 2:** Each student must select a book of his/her choice to read during his/her scheduled English class. All students will be expected to keep an active reading log.

**Some possible theme related titles:**
Please feel free to come up with your own appropriate selection.

- Khalad Hosseini - *The Kite Runner* or *A Thousand Splendid Suns*
- Michelle Obama - *Becoming*
- Tim O’Brien - *The Things They Carried*
- Mark Haddon - *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*
- Trevor Noah - *Born a Crime*
- Ta-Nehisi Coates - *Between the World and Me*
- Celeste Ng - *Everything I Never Told You*
- Elizabeth Acevedo – *Poet X*
- Adam Silvera – *They Both Die at the End*
- Jenny Han – *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*
- Geraldine Brooks – *Caleb’s Crossing*
- Angie Thomas – *On the Come Up*

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**GRADE 12**

Each grade 12 class will be assigned summer reading based on their class section. Please check the Google Summer Reading Classroom for details.

**AP Language and Composition (11th grade)**

Summer work details are available from Mrs. Ferreira (C207) and Mr. Scanlan (C314). Assignments will be found on the AP Google Classroom and due the first day of school. Assignments will include reading three books and writing a synthesis essay.

**AP Literature (12th grade)**

Summer work details are available from Mrs. Logan (C304) and Mrs. Connors (C204). Assignments are due throughout the summer via AP Google Classroom and include work with a novel, poetry, and a short prose passage.

**Please note:** Although the books on our reading list have been carefully selected by the THS English Department, every family is unique and holds different values. Please find and read reviews to make an informed choice that is best for your child.

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- All books can be found via any local public library with a valid SAILS library card. [www.sailsinc.org](http://www.sailsinc.org)
- Some titles may be available as E-Books from SAILS at [http://sails.lib.overdrive.com/](http://sails.lib.overdrive.com/).
- Full texts of short stories are on the summer reading Google classroom, may be found on-line or via your local library in a short story anthology.

**Local Bookstores:**

**Annie’s Book Stop**
575 South St. W Suite 3, Raynham, MA 02767
508-823-9696

**Buck-a-Book**
620 Spring Street, North Dighton, MA 02764
508-977-0850

**Readmore Books**
330 Winthrop Street, Taunton, MA 02780
508-822-3074

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