

BGHS 2026-2027 Summer Required Reading

Freshman Summer Reading

Intro to Lit. – College:

[Click here](#) for a helpful reading tool.

Fahrenheit 451

IMPORTANT: Simon & Schuster, ISBN: 978-1451673319

Ray Bradbury

Intro to Lit. – Honors:

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Fahrenheit 451

INCLUDING the introduction & supplementary materials on pp 159-250

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Sophomore Summer Reading

World Lit. – College:

[Click here](#) for a helpful reading tool.

Purple Hibiscus

IMPORTANT: ISBN: 978-1616202415

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

World Lit. – Honors:

[Click here](#) for a helpful reading tool.

Born a Crime

IMPORTANT: ISBN: 978-0399588198

Trevor Noah

Junior Summer Reading

American Lit. – College:

[Click here](#) for a helpful reading tool.

Outliers

Malcolm Gladwell

American Lit. – Honors:

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Outliers

AND

Educated

Malcolm Gladwell

Tara Westover

AP Language and Composition: [Click here](#) for a helpful reading tool.

READ FIRST:

Welcome Letter [Welcome Letter to AP Language and Composition Students](#),

AND

Print Essay "[How to Read Like a Writer](#)" by Mike Bunn (5/29 email to students)

(NONFICTION - PICK ONE):

The Gift of Fear

OR

The Devil in the White City

Gavin de Becker

Erik Larsen

(FICTION - PICK ONE):

A Passage to India

AND

Homegoing

OR

E.M. Forster

Yaa Gyasi

Junior Summer Reading (continued)

U.S. History Honors: *Michael Jordan and the New Global Capitalism* Walter LaFeber
AND
The Band Of Brothers Stephen E. Ambrose

AP U.S. History: *The Soul of America: The Battle for our Better Angels* Jon Meachem

AND pick one of the following:

<i>1776</i>	<i>David McCollough</i>
<i>American Lion</i>	<i>Jon Meachem</i>
<i>Gods and Generals</i>	<i>Jeff Shaara</i>
<i>American Colossus</i>	<i>HW Brands</i>
<i>America's War for the Greater Middle East</i>	<i>Andrew Bacevich</i>
<i>Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS</i>	<i>Joby Warrick</i>
<i>Undaunted Courage</i>	<i>Stephen Ambrose</i>

Senior Summer Reading

British Lit. Survey – College: The book you select will be used to write your research paper. You will still have a summer reading essay the first week of school.

PICK ONE:

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<i>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Charlotte Brontë
<i>The Tenant of Wildfell Hall</i>	Anne Brontë
<i>Heart of Darkness</i>	Joseph Conrad
<i>Good Omens</i>	Neil Gaiman/Terry Pratchett
<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>	Oscar Wilde
<i>And Then There Were None</i>	Agatha Christie
<i>Great Expectations</i>	Charles Dickens
<i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>	Virginia Woolf
<i>Remains of the Day</i>	Kazuo Ishiguro

Senior Summer Reading (continued)

British Lit. – Honors: All students will read *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie. The book you select from the list will be used to write your research paper. You will have a summer reading essay on both books the first week of school.

[Click here](#) for a helpful reading tool.

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd (required for all) Agatha Christie

AND

PICK ONE:

<i>Emma</i>	Jane Austen
<i>Pride & Prejudice</i>	Jane Austen
<i>Sense & Sensibility</i>	Jane Austen
<i>Northanger Abbey</i>	Jane Austen
<i>Anatomy: A Love Story</i>	Dana Schwartz
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Charlotte Brontë
<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>	Oscar Wilde
<i>Dracula</i>	Bram Stoker
<i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i>	Thomas Hardy
<i>The Thirteenth Tale</i>	Diane Setterfield

AP Literature and Composition: [Click here](#) for a helpful reading tool.

READ FIRST: *Jane Eyre* Charlotte Brontë
IMPORTANT: Penguin Classics, ISBN: 978-0141441146

AND

READ SECOND: *Wide Sargasso Sea* Jean Rhys
IMPORTANT: W. W. Norton & Company, ISBN: 978-0393352566

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Senior Summer Reading (continued)

AP U.S. Government & Politics:

All documents can be found online, or in the appendix of your textbook. All documents must be read and a typed summary of major themes will be due upon return to school:

The US Constitution, The Articles of Confederation, The Declaration of Independence, Brutus No. 1 (Anti-Federalist Papers), Federalist No. 10, Federalist No. 51, Federalist No. 70, Federalist No. 78, and M.L.K.'s Letter from the Birmingham Jail.

Tolkien and the Catholic Imagination:

The Hobbit (any edition) J.R.R. Tolkien

The Fellowship of the Ring (pgs 1-15 prologue) J.R.R. Tolkien

IMPORTANT: ISBN(13) 9780547928210