

Upper School Summer Reading List 2018



Our summer reading philosophy at FA is simple: people who read continuously become better readers and writers. With this in mind, Upper School students will read a book in common and a book of their choice. Here are the guidelines for all classes except AP English ([see separate handout](#)):

The Required Book:

- Read the required title and be prepared to complete a graded activity on this book within the first week of school. (no book review)

Your Book of Choice:

- Read a book of your choice (note stipulations below). This book may not be a required work for another class. Write a book review (about 500 words) of the book; this essay should be your reaction to and interpretation of the book with minimal plot summary (what you liked and did not like, the characters, the themes, point-of-view, setting, ...) Yes, you may use the pronoun "I."
- [Here](#) and [here](#) are suggestions for great summer reads.
- If you wish, read an additional book and write an additional book review.
- All book reviews (1 or 2 for non-AP, 2 or 3 for AP) will be turned in electronically at the start of the second English class meeting.
- For this assignment, you may accumulate up to 10 points, 7 for your book of choice and 3 for an extra book.
- Grading rubric:
 - 7 points = a full and well-explained reaction
 - 5 points = half plot summary and half reaction
 - 3 points = almost all plot summary

If you fail to complete the summer reading, you will lose 2 letter grades from your first assignment.

* Please buy the required book(s) to have for completing the graded work during the first week of school.

9th Grade: Introduction to Genres

***Book #1:** *Aladdin and Other Tales from the Arabian Nights*, N.J. Dawood ([Be sure to read this edition!](#))

Book #2: Read a book of at least 150 pages.

10th and 11th Grades: American Literature

***Book #1:** *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain (any edition)

Book #2: Read a book of at least 150 pages.

12th Grade (non-AP): World Cultures through Literature

Book #1: [excerpts from *Travels*](#), Michael Crichton ([see separate handout](#))

Book #2: Read a book of at least 175 pages.

12th Grade (AP): English Literature and Composition

AP Students read 2 books and write 2 or 3 essays, using the AP guidelines ([see separate handout](#)).

***Book #1:** *East of Eden*, John Steinbeck

Book #2: Read a book of at least 175 pages.