

**Jackson Hole Community School
Summer Reading 2025**

JHCS assigns one summer reading novel per grade level. Come back to school prepared for a graded discussion, creative project, in-class writing, or other type of assessment in your first few English classes. If you want to read more this summer, we have suggested options below. Any questions you have regarding summer reading should be directed to Drew Higgins at dhiggins@jhcschool.org. Happy summer!

Required Summer Reading: (If you have already read your assigned book, we suggest that you please contact Drew Higgins by email at dhiggins@jhcschool.org)

9th Grade: *The Odyssey: A Graphic Novel* (Gareth Hinds)

10th Grade: *Klara and the Sun* (Kazuo Ishiguro)

11th Grade: *House on Mango Street* (Sandra Cisneros)

12th Grade: *Killers of the Flower Moon* (David Grann) and *Bundyville* Podcast by OPR, Season 1 (7 episodes: 1. "The Battle"; 2. "The Bomb"; 3. "The Prophecy"; 4. "The Living Room"; 5. "The Followers"; 6. "The Murders"; 7. "The Future"); find it [here](#) or on [Spotify](#).

In the first 2-3 English classes starting in September (after fall trip), be prepared for one or more of the following assignments:

- Graded Discussion: A graded discussion about the novel's plot, themes, scenes, etc. Come to school prepared with a physical copy of the book with margin notes. English/History 12 students should bring notes on each podcast episode and be ready to discuss.
- Project Work: Your teacher will direct you to create a poster, audio reflection, or similar artistic piece incorporating themes/topics from the novel.
- Reading Response: Sophomores, juniors, and seniors should expect an in-class writing assignment during the first week of school. It could require you to identify a passage, analyze a scene, or construct an argument about a character. Be prepared.

Further Suggested Titles*

9th and 10th Grades

Of Mice and Men (John Steinbeck)

Bless Me, Ultima (Rudolfo Anaya)

In the Time of the Butterflies (Julia Alvarez)

The Hate You Give (Angie Thomas)

11th and 12th Grades

Born A Crime (Trevor Noah)

Mountains Beyond Mountains (Tracy Kidder)

There, There (Tommy Orange)

The Crucible (Arthur Miller)

**Disclaimer: A few of the suggested books feature language and detail that might be uncomfortable for some readers. We encourage students to research the nature of the story before reading it.*