

12th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to your senior year, Bulldog! Below you will find the 2025-2026 summer reading assignment. The goal of this assignment is to prepare you for 12th grade English and life beyond high school.

Materials needed:

- *The Stranger* by Albert Camus. [Click here](#) for a PDF version.
- Paper and pencil / pen. We're going old school!
- Life, college, and career skills: curiosity, critical thinking, work ethic, grit, and time management.

Step 1: Read *The Stranger*. This will prepare you for the exam.

Step 2: Choose **two** of the following questions and write a well-developed paragraph response for each. This will prepare you for deep-dive, in-class discussions about the text. There are no “right” or “wrong” responses; the goal is to make personal connections to the questions and think deeply. These responses should be handwritten, not typed and printed.

- What is the meaning of life and your purpose in it?
- Do you have a right to be happy, or should you earn it? What creates happiness?
- What are the universal human rights?
- Are human ethics/morals learned or natural? Explain.

Step 3: Reflect on the two questions you chose for Step 2 and consider how those questions / concepts relate to *The Stranger*. Where do you see these concepts explored in *The Stranger*? Your response should be no less than a well-developed paragraph and should show evidence that you have read the text in its entirety. You may consider plot details, character development, settings, or other aspects of the novella to craft your response. This should be handwritten, not typed and printed.