



WHS English Department Summer Reading 2025

ADVANCED PLACEMENT: Advanced Placement students have **required** summer assignments that are due the first day students return to school (August 30th, 2025). Please click the hyperlink below for the assignment that corresponds with your AP course.

[AP Language and Composition](#)

[AP Literature and Composition](#)

[AP Seminar](#)

COLLEGE PREP & HONORS: All students, including incoming 9th graders, are strongly encouraged to read a book of their choice over the summer that they have not read before.

When students return, their English teacher will provide them with an extra-credit opportunity related to their summer reading.

[Research](#) has shown that reading over the summer maintains reading fluency into next year...basically, the more you read, the better reader and writer you will become. *The key is to choose a book that interests you.* Review the links below for some excellent recommendations. Feel free to also email or visit an English teacher (or any teacher!) for recommendations before you leave for summer.

Recommendations:

[Connecticut Recommendations](#)

[NY Times Best Sellers](#)

[2026 Nutmeg Award Winner](#)

Places to purchase or borrow books:

Swift or High School Library

[Watertown Local Library](#)

[Barnes and Noble \(online or Waterbury store\)](#)

Contact Mr. Lewis at lewismi@watertownps.org
for any questions or concerns

What's the message? When you read, stop and think about what big ideas the author is trying to address.

If there's a paragraph that makes you feel something, use a small sticky note to remember the page.