







Form 1 English & Library

Core Reading Overview 2024-2025

Schedule

Month	Core Reading Focus	Assessment
September		Empathy Quote Analysis - Pick 3 quotes and explain how they relate to empathy in short answer responses.
October	Mystery & Thriller 	DDQs - Student-generated questions and paragraph responses
November		Writer's One Pager - Pick 3 lines or scenes that stand out as beautifully written. Annotate what makes them so successful and then use as models in your own writing.
December		POV Rewrite - Rewrite a scene from a different character's point of view.
January	Historical Fiction & Memoir	Empathy Quote Analysis - Pick 3 quotes and explain how they relate to empathy in short answer responses. (Library)
February	Science Fiction & Science Nonfiction 	Connection to Science Assessment (Science grade)
March		DDQs - Student-generated questions and paragraph responses
April	Poetry and Verse Novels 	POV Poem - Rewrite a scene from a different character's point of view.
May	Book Fair Books 	Cumulative Core Reading Self-Reflection (Library)

Core Reading Expectations

- Read **at least 1 book per month**. Once you have met the requirement on the Core Reading Schedule for the month, you have free choice.
- Your first core reading book each month **must be of appropriate challenge**.
- While manga and graphic novels can be read **with teacher approval**, traditional prose books should make up the majority of your core reading.
- Aim to read your core reading book for 20 minutes each school day. You can be flexible with your reading increments as long as you catch up by the weekend. Note: **Core reading is in addition to your English homework**.
- Bring your core reading book to class on **Day 6s**.

Why Core Reading?

Reading improves concentration, stress levels, vocabulary, writing skills, memory, imagination, analytical writing skills, knowledge, and empathy.

