

Hastings High School English Department

Summer Reading 2022

Our summer reading selections, like much of the material we will explore in our classes, include characters, language and experiences that may challenge assumptions and expectations. We hope these pieces will inspire thoughtful reflection and meaningful discussion. In addition, we ask you to *keep in mind that the language and perspectives offered in a text may reflect the historical and/or cultural context of the time and place in which it was written.**

Required Texts -

English 9 - Three Short Stories:

“Strike Anywhere” - Antonya Nelson

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bmV20JGXPLdfTrl5Hj0T9PdBAusec_p1/view?usp=sharing

“The Lesson” - Toni Cade Bambara

https://www.cengage.com/custom/static_content/OLC/s76656_76218lf/bambara.pdf

“Just Lather, That’s All” - Hernando Tellez

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LIxq-qluu8pNzbcleP3T7hXPlfM-hA8pI2lFxGsXb4/edit>

English 10 - Three Short Stories:

“The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas” - Ursula K. Le Guin

[omelas.pdf](https://www.omelas.pdf)

“Cathedral” - Raymond Carver

<http://www.giuliotortello.it/ebook/cathedral.pdf>

“Sugar Babies” - Kali Fajardo-Anstine

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gZrDTlor4TFCAzslEq4SRYSg5c_Wf5lh/view?usp=sharing

English 11 - One TED Talk; Two Short Pieces

“On Diversity: Access Ain’t Inclusion” - Anthony Abraham Jack TED Talk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7w2Gv7ueOc&t=548s>

“Youth From Every Quarter” - Kristen Valdez Quade

<https://longreads.com/2017/07/17/youth-from-every-quarter/>

“Jubilee” - Kristin Valdez Quade

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Kjzx-aoASJFqb7lw_kt9woj5Cz_p6v4/view?usp=sharing

English 11 Honors - One Novel; One Essay; One Excerpt:

The Awakening by Kate Chopin (Since this book is officially in the public domain, there are many different editions of the book, including free ones online. Personally, I like the Norton Edition, which includes plenty of supplementary material).

[“The Exotic Other: Representations of Latina Tropicalism in U.S. Popular Culture”](#)

(essay) by Malgorzata Martynuska

[“Desire: Sweetness / Plant: The Apple” from Botany of Desire: A Plant’s Eye View of the World](#) by Michael Pollan (excerpt)

English 12 - One Podcast; One TED Talk; One Article:

Listen to the first episode—[“Sad Ass Songs”—of Dolly Parton’s America](#). Whatever you may know about the country singer, this exploration will likely surprise you, as Jad Abumrad tries to understand the legend in relation to feminism, songwriting, and the entertainment industry. (As a side-note, this episode deals with some heavy topics, from abortion to suicide).

Watch Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie’s TED-talk [Danger of a Single Story](#).

Read “How Tracy Austin Broke My Heart,” by David Foster Wallace

<https://sites.psu.edu/kingsel/files/2016/08/DFW-How-Tracy-Austin-Broke-My-Heart-1994-1lctx91.pdf>

AP Literature - One Novel:

Homegoing - Yaa Gyasi

SUPA English - One Novel; One Excerpt

Middlesex - Jeffrey Eugenides

“Introduction: The Human Bumblebee” and “Chapter One: Desire: Sweetness / Plant: The Apple” (both excerpts from Michal Pollan’s The Botany of Desire
https://michaelpollan.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/botany_of_desire_excerpt.pdf

Recommended Readings

Looking for great books to explore over the summer? Here are some of our favorites!

All the Light We Cannot See - Anthony Doerr
<https://www.anthonydoerr.com/books/all-the-light-we-cannot-see>

Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk - Ben Fountain
<https://www.harpercollins.com/blogs/authors/ben-fountain>

The Boys in the Boat - Daniel James Brown
<https://www.danieljamesbrown.com/books/the-boys-in-the-boat/>

Children of Blood and Bone - Tomi Adeyemi
<https://www.panmacmillan.com/authors/tomi-adeyemi/children-of-blood-and-bone/9781509871353>

Daisy Jones and the Six - Taylor Jenkins Reid
<https://taylorjenkinsreid.com/>

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine - Gail Honeyman
<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/authors/2137880/gail-honeyman>

A Farewell to Arms - Ernest Hemingway
<https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/A-Farewell-to-Arms/Ernest-Hemingway/9780684801469>

Going Bovine - Libba Bray

<https://libbabray.com/books/going-bovine/>

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The Immortalists - Chloe Benjamin
<https://www.chloebenjaminbooks.com/the-immortalists>

Sing, Unburied, Sing - Jesmyn Ward
<https://www.nationalbook.org/books/sing-unburied-sing/>

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo - Taylor Jenkins Reid
<https://taylorjenkinsreid.com/>

Station 11 - Emily Mandel
<https://jeffgarvinbooks.com/symptoms-of-being-human-2/>

Symptoms of Being Human - Jeff Garvin
<https://jeffgarvinbooks.com/symptoms-of-being-human-2/>

Swing Time - Zadie Smith
<http://www.zadiesmith.com/books>

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn - Betty Smith
https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/14891.A_Tree_Grows_in_Brooklyn

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