



THE URSULINE SCHOOL

Summer 2021 Reading List

High School Honors and Advanced Placement Classes

Welcome to Ursuline Summer Reading, a chance to explore new authors and genres as well as continue to build your reading skills. Below are the titles of required books for your 2021-2022 English class, as well as other titles of works that have been endorsed by students.

You are required to read the novel listed below, under your specific grade level. It is strongly suggested that you read the required book in actual book form so that you may annotate to your heart's desire. (For this reason, an electronic or library book is not optimal because you will need to write in the book, have it in class, and refer to it in discussions.) Here are a few suggestions for annotating as you read your required book:

Underline key passages that you find interesting or important

Use sticky notes or marginal notes to mark observations, questions, and connections

Mark lines that help you understand the characters and plot

Additionally, you must select and highlight at least 3 quotations that are interesting or thought-provoking and be prepared to discuss these quotations in class. There will be a written assessment in September.

English 9 Honors

The Silence Between Us, Alison Gervais

English 10 Honors

Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston

English 11 Honors

The Thing Around Your Neck, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

AP Language and Composition

Students enrolled in this course should expect an email correspondence from their teacher.
Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning, Kathy Park Hong

English 12 Honors

Small Island, Andrea Levy and *Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley

AP Literature and Composition

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One Hundred Years of Solitude, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Recommended Additional Reading for High School

Choose a book (or two or three!) from these lists if you want to keep on reading. Though it is not required, you are encouraged to read for pleasure.

Fiction

Brick Lane, Monica Ali
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou
The House of the Spirits, Isabelle Allende
The Clan of the Cave Bear, Jean Auel
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
Noughts and Crosses, Malorie Blackman
Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
The Alchemist, Paulo Coelho
Seventeenth Summer, Maureen Daly
Like Water for Chocolate, Laura Esquivel
The Gilded Ones, Namina Forna
Where Angels Fear to Tread, E. M. Forster
A Lesson Before Dying, Ernest Gaines
The Fault in Our Stars, John Green
Homecoming, Yaa Gyasi
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon
Return of the Native, Thomas Hardy
Seabiscuit, Laura Hillenbrand
A Good Fall, Ha Jin
A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini
When I Was Invisible, Dorothy Koomson
The Invention of Wings, Sue Monk Kidd
The Orchard of Lost Souls, Nadifa Mohamed
A Song Bellow Water, Bethany C. Morrow
Everything I Never Told You, Celeste Ng
There, There, Tommy Orange
1984, George Orwell

Such a Fun Age, Kiley Reid
White Teeth, Zadie Smith
Travels with Charley, John Steinbeck
Sophie's Choice, William Styron
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan
The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas
Slaughterhouse Five, Kurt Vonnegut
The House You Pass on the Way, Jacqueline Woodson

Non-Fiction

The Soul of a Woman, Isabelle Allende
The Book of Gutsy Women, Hillary Clinton
Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting it Done, Andrea Gonzalez & Sophie Houser
Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir, Nikki Grimes
The Genius of Women, Janice Kaplan
The Far Away Brothers: Two Teenage Immigrants
Making a Life in America, Lauren Markham
Bad Boy: A Memoir, Walter Dean Myers
A World Without Email, Cal Newport
Becoming, Michelle Obama
Killing Lincoln, Bill O'Reilly
Aftershocks, Nadia Owusu
The Omnivore's Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat, Michael Pollan
Stamped, Jason Reynolds & Ibrim X. Kendi
Witches!: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem, Rosalyn Schanzer