



Hampton City Schools Administrative Center

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Hampton City Schools encourages students and their families to continue reading through the summer months. Many studies have shown that students need to read over the summer to sustain their reading and writing abilities. Students who read during the summer tend to start the next school year ahead and stay ahead.

Hampton City Schools highly suggests summer reading for all high school students. The reading lists, per grade level, are below. Books are identified as fiction or nonfiction and provide the *Lexile* (complexity level) of the book. Each student will need to know the level and grade of his/her first semester English course for the 2023-2024 school year in order to choose the correct titles and suggested number of books.

As HCS continues to ensure reading is enjoyable and relevant for all learners, the summer reading is diverse and inclusive. Parents and students are encouraged to examine books and reviews in advance, as some of the books contain mature language and/or content. Students may borrow a book from the public library, share with a peer, or purchase their own. Some used books are available from sites such as <https://www.thriftbooks.com/> and <https://www.betterworldbooks.com/>. Many titles are also available in electronic versions. Students can access free online versions of books through MackinVia, which can be accessed on the school's Library Media Center webpage.

Teachers will begin the year with discussions and activities related to the summer reading. Students will be asked to synthesize the readings through discussions and writing activities. In order to prepare for these activities, students are encouraged to maintain a reading log to include any of the following information: plot, setting, character information, events, details, author information, figurative language, and vocabulary. The log will help students to identify and recall critical information. Reading should be completed by September 8, 2023.

If you have any questions about summer reading, please contact your school or the Hampton City Schools Language Arts Department at jbutler1@hampton.k12.va.us. Have a safe and fun summer!

Sincerely,

Shari Drake

HCS Curriculum Leader for English Language Arts

Summer Reading Lists for High School English

- Students enrolled in average/level 2 English must read **one** book from the appropriate grade level list.
- Students enrolled in honors/level 3 English must read **two** books from the appropriate grade level list.
- Students enrolled in AP English, IB English, or Dual Enrollment will receive the summer reading list from their teacher or school counselor. The lists will also be posted on the school's website.

Grade 9

<i>Esperanza Rising</i> by Pam Munoz Ryan	Fiction	750L
<i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds	Fiction (verse)	720L
<i>Maus</i> by Art Spiegelman	Graphic novel	
<i>The Maze Runner</i> by James Dashner	Fiction	770L
<i>The Playbook</i> by Kwame Alexander	Nonfiction	970L
<i>Speak</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson	Fiction	690L
<i>We Beat the Street</i> by Davis, Jenkins, Hunt and Draper	Nonfiction	860L

Grade 10

<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i> by Mark Haddon	Fiction	1100L
<i>Dear Martin</i> by Nic Stone	Fiction	720L
<i>Divergent</i> by Veronica Roth	Fiction	700L
<i>I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced</i> by Nujood Ali	Nonfiction	990L
<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> by Maya Angelou	Nonfiction	1070L
<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> by Sue Monk Kidd	Fiction	840L
<i>Sunrise Over Fallujah</i> by Walter Dean Myers	Fiction	780L

Grade 11

<i>The Hate U Give</i> by Angie Thomas	Fiction	600L
<i>How Does It Feel to be a Problem? Being Young and Arab in America</i> by Moustafa Bayoumi	Nonfiction	1090L
<i>How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents</i> by Julia Alvarez	Fiction	950L
<i>A Lesson Before Dying</i> by Ernest J. Gaines	Fiction	750L
<i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck	Fiction	630L
<i>Up From Slavery</i> by Booker T. Washington	Nonfiction	1320L
<i>We Were Liars</i> by E. Lockhart	Fiction	600L

Grade 12

<i>1984</i> by George Orwell	Fiction	1090L
<i>Ender's Game</i> by Orson Scott Card	Fiction	780L
<i>Flags of Our Fathers</i> by James Bradley with Ron Powers	Nonfiction	950L
<i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeannette Walls	Nonfiction	1010L
<i>Graceling</i> by Kristin Cashore	Fiction	730L
<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i> by Ransom Riggs	Fiction	890L
<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> by Khaled Hosseini	Fiction	830L