

Two novels required of Freshmen:

1. Stovall, Jim: *The Ultimate Gift*

What would you do to inherit a million dollars?

2. (Choose One):

- **Bruchac, Joseph: *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II***

A 16 year old is trained as a code talker in WWII.

- **Cline, Ernest: *Ready Player One****

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-**Sones, Sonya: *What My Mother Doesn't Know* ***

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Ten strangers are found dead on an island.

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Two novels required of Sophomores:

1. Albom, Mitch: *Five People You Meet in Heaven*

A sports journalist writes the dying wishes of a professor.

2. English II Sophomores (Choose One):

- **Wilder, Thornton: *Our Town***

A three-act play set in a small town.

- **Kopelman, Jay: *From Baghdad, With Love****

A story of a Marine, the war, and a dog.

- **Hamilton, Steve: *The Lock Artist****

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Two novels required of HONORS Sophomores:

1. Martel, Yann: *The Life of Pi*

A young boy is stranded at sea with a tiger.

2. (Choose One):

- **Hamilton, Steve: *The Lock Artist****

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-**Punke, Michael: *The Revenant***

A tale of revenge, featuring outdoorsman Hugh Glass.

- **Wilder, Thornton: *Our Town***

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Two novels Required of English III Juniors:

1. Rowling, J.K.: *Very Good Lives*

Words of wisdom and motivation for everyone.

2. (Choose One):

- **Hemingway, Ernest: *The Old Man and the Sea***

A famous story about a man and his rival.

- **Walls, Jeannette: *The Glass Castle****

An autobiography of a young girl and her family.

-**Steinbeck, John: *Of Mice and Men***

Two brothers searching for the American dream.

Two novels required of English IV Seniors:

1. Pausch, Randy: *The Last Lecture*

What legacy will we leave to the world?

2. English IV Seniors choose one :

- **Riggs, Ransom: *Mrs. Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (a mystery)***

Jacob is given a letter that propels him on a journey.

-**Anderson, Laurie Halse: *Twisted****

A senior year of high school like no other...

- **Doerr, Anthony: *All the Light We Cannot See****

A blind French girl and a German boy collide in France.

Required of ALL AP Biology Students

Choose one of the following:

-Skloot, R.: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

-Preston, Richard: *Hot Zone*

-Preston, Richard: *Demon in the Freezer*

Required of ALL AP GOV Students

-Sunstein, Cass: *A Constitution of Many Minds*

Plus additional assignments from the teacher.

Required of ALL AP LANG Students

-**Gladwell, M: *Outliers***

1. Choose ONE of the following:

-Krakauer, J: *Into Thin Air*

-Sacks, O: *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For a Hat: And Other Clinical Tales*

-Levitt and Dubner: *Freakonomics*

-Schlosser, E: *Fast Food Nation*

-Walden, J: *The Glass Castle*

Plus additional assignments from the teacher.

Required of ALL AP US Hist. Students:

Please email the teacher for summer assignment at:

aburgamy@johnmilledge.org

Novels denoted with * may contain language and content for mature readers.

Summer Reading Goals

The purpose of summer reading is to improve comprehension skills, to broaden reading experiences, to become literate citizens, and to engage in personal interests outside the classroom to create life-long learners. The high school selections are regularly referred to on Advanced Placement tests and college-bound reading lists. The novels include challenging vocabulary, themes, and literary concepts appropriate for high school students.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many books are required? Each grade level has **two** novels assigned for summer reading. The first novel listed is required for all students. The second provides a choice of 3-5 novels to read. AP students need to contact their teacher(s) for summer work. Students enrolled with GCSU are responsible for their own assigned summer reading through the college.

2. What must I do to take an AR quiz? The computer lab in the middle school building will be accessible to students on **Mondays and Tuesdays from June 5th - August 4, 2016 between 8:30am - 10:30 am to take summer reading AR tests**. Students need to be empty-handed and sign-in and out through the middle school office. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

Students may also take an AR quiz with any High School English teacher during the first full week of school. Remember to review the book before taking the quiz! All tests are due **Friday, August 18, 2017**. Late tests will have points deducted.

3. How will this impact my grade in English class? You are encouraged to score a 70% or higher on your quiz. Both quiz grades will be averaged together to count as the semester's first test grade.

4. What if I've already read the assigned book? You may not re-take any quiz for previous books. If you have already taken an AR quiz on the required novel, you may read two of the optional novels listed for your grade level or higher. Please check with your English teacher if you have questions.

5. What happens if I don't meet the deadline or pass the test? If you cannot meet the deadline or pass a test, you will receive an incomplete for the class until the test is passed. Remember, you still have the first week of school to complete this assignment if you need it!

Questions? Contact Jessica Jones, at jjones@johnmilledge.org with questions.



Upper School Summer Reading 2017-2018