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9 Honors English - World Literature  
2024 Summer Reading Assignment



This reading assignment is for all students who have chosen to take the 9 Honors English course. Being a member of a high school Honors English course requires a level of maturity and independence. Therefore, carefully read all of the instructions before you select your summer reading book.

One of the major focuses in English is *choice read*. We will incorporate our choice novels throughout the year and bridge connections to our various units of study. Show us your understanding of plot development, interpretation, and analysis. **Use the resources you have access to!** Take a visit to your local bookstore or head to the library and search the shelves for something that may interest you. Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com/>) is a good website to read brief summaries and reviews of different works.

**You will be expected to bring in the book the first week of school.** You are also required to bring in handwritten **notes, quotations, and summary points** based on your reading. You will be using these notes for your first assignment, so it is crucial you write down notes as you read!

The authors and works listed below may be studied in your 9th grade English class and are **NOT** allowed to be read for your summer homework:

Elie Wiesel's *Night*

Homer's *The Odyssey*

Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*

Erich Maria Remarque's *All Quiet on the Western Front*

William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*

Trevor Noah's *Born a Crime*

We are going to complete an assessment based on your reading at the start of the school year. Be prepared to start the year strong by demonstrating your best effort of your close reading skills and *detailed* note taking.

**Again, please do your best to bring your book with the annotations the first few days of school.**

Please use the attached list of choice books as a starting point in choosing a novel!



## Choice Reading Books – Grade 9

- Achebe, Chinua  
*Anthills of the Savannah*  
*Things Fall Apart*
- Adams, Richard  
*Watership Down*
- Adichie, Chimamanda  
*Half of a Yellow Sun*
- Aidoo, Ama Ata  
*Our Sister Killjoy*
- Alexie, Sherman  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*
- Allende, Isabel  
*Daughter of Fortune*
- Alvarez, Julia  
*In the Time of the Butterflies*
- Atwood, Margaret  
*Cat's Eye*
- Barakat, Ibtisam  
*Tasting the Sky*
- Beah, Ishmael  
*A Long Way Gone*
- Boyle, T.C.  
*The Tortilla Curtain*
- Bradbury, Ray  
*Dandelion Wine*
- Cisneros, Sandra  
*The House on Mango Street*
- Clarke, Arthur C.  
*2001: A Space Odyssey*
- Courtenay, Bryce  
*The Power of One*
- Defoe, Daniel  
*Robinson Crusoe*
- Gaines, Ernest J.  
*A Lesson Before Dying*
- Green, John  
*The Fault in Our Stars*  
*Turtles All the Way Down*
- Guest, Judith  
*Ordinary People*
- Haddon, Mark  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*
- Hemingway, Ernest  
*For Whom the Bell Tolls*  
*The Old Man and the Sea*
- Herbert, Frank  
*Dune*
- IragiGirl  
*Diary of a Teenage Girl in Iraq*
- Jin, Ha  
*War Trash*
- Jones, Edward P.  
*The Known World*
- Kamara, Mariatu  
*The Bite of the Mango*
- Kidd, Sue Monk  
*The Secret Life of Bees*
- Kingsolver, Barbara  
*Animal Dreams*
- Kluger, Steve  
*My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins, and Fenway Park*
- Li, Moying  
*Snow Falling in Spring*
- Markandaya, Kamala  
*Nectar in a Sieve*
- Martel, Yann  
*The Life of Pi*
- Meyer, Marissa  
*Cinder*
- Oates, Joyce Carol  
*Black Water*
- O'Brien, Tim  
*In the Lake of the Woods*
- Oh, Axie  
*The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea*
- Peterfreund, Diana  
*For Darkness Shows the Stars*
- Sáenz, Benjamin Alire  
*Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*
- Saramago, José  
*The Cave*
- Smith, Betty  
*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
- Steinbeck, John  
*The Wayward Bus*
- Tan, Amy  
*The Kitchen God's Wife*
- Thomas, Angie  
*On the Come Up*
- Vonnegut, Kurt  
*Player Piano*
- Wells, H.G.  
*The Time Machine*
- Yen Mah, Adeline  
*Falling Leaves: The True Story of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter*

This list contains a wide range of content and several levels of difficulty. Some texts vary in maturity level as well. Please use your discretion when researching books and what you feel is best appropriate for you. If you find that you've chosen a book that doesn't work for you, please choose another.