

9 Honors English - World Literature 2023 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.

CHOOSING YOUR BOOK:

Choose one full length work of nonfiction or historical fiction by a foreign author that pertains to a non-American culture. The work cannot be a fantasy or a mystery novel. **The work must take place in a country other than the United States and is to be rich in cultural information that can be compared and contrasted with the American culture.** Do not choose a work which takes place in England or a work pertaining to WWII and the Holocaust. Take a visit to your local bookstore or head to the library and search the shelves for something that may interest you. Read reviews on your choice to make sure it is World Literature, not American Literature or British Literature. Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com/>) is a good website to read brief summaries and reviews of different works. The following are examples of works students have read in past years; however, they are just suggestions: *IraqiGirl: Diary of a Teenage Girl in Iraq*; Kamala Markandaya's *Nectar in a Sieve*; Bryce Courtenay's *The Power of One*; Daoud Hari's *The Translator*; Ishmael Beah's *A Long Way Gone*; John Bul Dau's *God Grew Tired of Us*; Mariatu Kamara's *Bite of the Mango*; Asne Seierstad's *The Bookseller of Kabul*; Adeline Ye Mah's *Falling Leaves: The True Story of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter*; Ngugi Wa Thiong'O's *The River Between*; Mark Mathabane's *Kafir Boy: An Autobiography*; Benson Deng, Alephonsion Deng, and Benjamin Ajak's *They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky*; Moying Li's *Snow Falling in Spring*; Kashmira Sheth's *Keeping Corners*; Pin Yathay's *Stay Alive, My Son*; and Ibtisam Barakat's *Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood*.

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* (or any other WWII/Holocaust novel)

Homer's *The Odyssey*

Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*

George Orwell's *Animal Farm*

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

William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*

Sophocles' *Oedipus* and *Antigone*

Trevor Noah's *Born a Crime*

Sandra Cisneros' *The House on Mango Street*

DUE DATE:

The reading of your chosen book must be completed by Friday, September 8, 2023. You are required to bring a copy of the book to class to complete an assignment on Friday, September 8, 2023.