

Calera High School Summer Reading
2021-2022
9th Grade

Ninth grade English has a focus of world literature. Within this course, students will explore four overarching themes: justice, journey, human relationships and consequences, and values and society. Each of the suggested summer reading novels deals with one or more of those themes. Please look at your summer reading novel and assignment choices below, and make the appropriate selections for your interest, motivation, and ability to work independently. This assignment gives you choice in 3 different areas. You get to **choose which book** you want to read, **which journal assignment** you want to complete, and **when you want to complete** the assignment.

Your summer reading will be assessed. For that TBD Grade, you will:

1. Read one of the books listed below
2. Complete the paragraph assignment
3. Choose **1** of the 3 journal possibilities to complete

*****This assignment is due upon return in the Fall. If you **choose** to do the assignment over the summer, you will have no English homework the first week. If you **choose** to complete the assignment when school starts, you will have one week to complete the assignment for homework.

Everyone must read one of the following. However, you are encouraged to read as many as possible.

Theme	Novel
What is justice? Is justice the same for the individual as well as society?	<u>The Book Thief</u> : Markus Zusack <u>Monster</u> : Walter Dean Myers
What are the defining qualities of a journey? How can a journey affect an individual's identity?	<u>Mosquitoland</u> : David Arnold <u>Life of Pi</u> : Yann Martel <u>Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close</u> : Jonathan Safran Foer
How are human relationships developed? How do they change due to outside forces such as society?	<u>All the Bright Places</u> : Jennifer Niven <u>Things Fall Apart</u> : Chinua Achebe
How are values established in society? How can society change these?	<u>Animal Farm</u> : George Orwell <u>Lord of the Flies</u> : William Golding

PreAP/Honors English 9 students are also required to read Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford and complete a dialectical journal for the novel.