

HONORS ENGLISH 11

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST



Reading is a substantial part of the journey through Honors English 11. While you are not required to complete summer work, we strongly suggest you:

- 1) Get a head start on books that we will read during the semester, and/or
- 2) Immerse yourself in some good ol' American Literature in order to keep your literary neurons firing over the summer.

We will begin the semester by independently reading Nathaniel Hawthorne's stifling but gossipy novel, *The Scarlet Letter*. You might enjoy getting a head start on this one, because it's a bit... intimidating.

Later in the semester, we will independently read Jeannette Walls' tale of her childhood: *The Glass Castle*. While you may be tempted just to watch the movie, we assure you that, as always, the book is so much better. Feel free to get a jump on this highly readable text over the summer before the pressure of school overwhelms you.

And for people who actually enjoy reading, here's a list of some texts that reek of themes we will be discussing throughout the semester.

- 1 *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- 2 *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- 3 *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut
- 4 *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac
- 5 *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- 6 *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
- 7 *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
- 8 *The Broom of the System* by David Foster Wallace
- 9 *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway
- 10 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- 11 *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides