

**Two novels required of freshmen:**

**1. Spiegelman, Art: *Maus: A Survivor's Tale***

A cartoonist brings to life the story of a Jewish survivor.

**2. (Choose one)**

**Stovall, Jim: *The Ultimate Gift***

What would you do to inherit a million dollars?

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

Sophie is on the path to finding her true love.

**Bruchae, 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.

**Two novels required of HONORS freshmen:**

**1. Wharton, Edith: *Ethan Frome (unabridged)***

A tragic love story and classic of American literature.

**2. (Choose one)**

**-Spiegelman, Art: *Maus: A Survivor's Tale***

A cartoonist tells life the story of a Jewish survivor.

**-Christie, Agatha: *And Then There Were None***

Ten strangers are found dead on an island.

**-Bruchae, 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.

**Two novels required of Sophomores:**

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

A three-act play set in a small town.

**2. (Choose One):**

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

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

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

Michael, now 18, hasn't spoken in ten years.

**- Westerfield, Scott: *The Ugliers***

People can transform themselves – Tally refuses.

**-Brown, Daniel: *The Boys in the Boat***

An epic quest for the 1936 Gold Medal in Berlin.

**Two novels required of HONORS sophomores:**

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

Pi is lost at sea...with a tiger.

**2. (Choose One)**

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

A blind girl and a German boy collide in France.

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

Michael, now 18, hasn't spoken in ten years.

**-Brown, Daniel: *The Boys in the Boat***

An epic quest for the 1936 Gold Medal in Berlin.

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

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

**Two novels Required of English III Juniors:**

**1. Twain, Mark. *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.***

Huck Finn leaves his foster family and joins a runaway slave in a trip down the Mississippi River.

**2. (Choose One):**

**-Neal Shusterman: *Unwind***

Unwanted teens are salvaged for their body parts.

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

Two brothers searching for the American dream.

**-Krakauer, John. *Into the Wild***

An account of travels across North America and experiences in the Alaskan wilderness.

**Two novels required of seniors:**

**1. Anderson, Laurie: *Twisted***

A senior year of high school like no other.

**2. (Choose one)**

**-Steve Sheinkin: *Bomb (non-fiction)***

The Race to build—and steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

**-Jason Reynolds: *A Long Way Down\****

A guy is seeking revenge for the murder of his brother.

**- Patricia McCormick: *Never Fall Down***

A child of war who becomes a man of peace.

**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 LANG Students**

**1. Choose ONE of the following:**

-Gladwell, Malcolm: *Outliers*

-Levitt and Dubner: *Freakonomics*

-Schlosser, E: *Fast Food Nation*

**2. Choose ONE of the following:**

Walls, Jeannette: *The Glass Castle*

Krakauer, Jon: *Into Thin Air*

**Required of ALL AP US Hist. Students:**

McGerr, Michael: *A Fierce Discontent*

Please see the teacher for summer assignment at:

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Or email [aburgamy@johnmilledge.org](mailto:aburgamy@johnmilledge.org)

**Required of ALL AP GOV Students:**

Brown, Catherine Drinker: *Miracle at Philadelphia*

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**\*\* Denotes language and mature content**

## 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 in high school 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?** Chromebooks in the high school office will be accessible to students on **Tuesdays from June 4th - August 1st between 8:30am - 11:30 am to take summer reading AR tests.** Students need to be empty-handed and sign-in and out through the high 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 grades are due **Friday, August 16, 2019.** Late quizzes 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 Jennifer Watkins ([jwatkins@johnmilledge.org](mailto:jwatkins@johnmilledge.org)) or Elizabeth Davis ([edavis@johnmilledge.org](mailto:edavis@johnmilledge.org)).**



# High School Summer Reading 2019-2020