



HONORS, AP, AP/DC-NVC SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

PURPOSE

Boerne ISD believes that the key to being a great reader is to read extensively, and the key to being a great writer is through exposure to great writing. Reading is not solely reserved for the school year; life-long learning stems from becoming a life-long reader. Summer provides time to enjoy uninterrupted reading that allows students to absorb and contemplate ideas from their reading experience in preparation for beginning-of-the-school-year literary discussions. Summer reading and the subsequent in-class assignments give students a strong foundation to build upon as they move through the Honors/AP English Language Arts program. **It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to make the appropriate selection when students are asked to self-select texts for independent reading.**

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COURSES: Honors English I; Honors English II; English III AP; English IV AP; English IV AP/Dual Credit-NVC*

ASSIGNMENT:

- 1) Choose **any book** that you have not previously read and read it.
 - a) In choosing, you should follow these requirements:
 - i) The novel is a paperback or hardcover edition, not electronic;
 - ii) The novel is at least 200 pages long;
 - iii) The novel has received *critical acclaim*.
- 2) Annotate as you see fit in anticipation of a writing task the first week of school.
- 3) Bring your annotated novel to class on the first day of school.

Good places, though not exhaustive places, to look for novels that receive *critical acclaim* would be the lists of novels that have won one of the awards below, or a comparable national or international award, or has been shortlisted for a comparable award. Simply appearing on a list like the *New York Times Bestseller* list or online at *Goodreads* does not guarantee critical acclaim.

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| ● Pulitzer Prize | ● Nebula Award | ● Women's Prize for Fiction |
| ● Man Booker Prize | ● National Book Award | ● Neustadt International Prize for Literature |
| ● Orange Prize | ● Pen/Faulkner Award | ● ALA Award |
| ● Hugo Award | ● National Book Critics Circle | ● Nobel Prize for Literature |

We encourage you to choose a book you are comfortable with and to have conversations at home, students and parents, about your selection. To this end, if you begin a book over the summer, but feel that you cannot finish it for whatever reason, then simply choose another book and begin again.

If you are a new student to Boerne ISD and cannot complete the summer reading before the first day of school, teachers will make reasonable accommodations so that you may finish the reading and complete all assignments associated with it.

***NOTE:** If students are enrolled in Dual Credit English courses through Angelo State University, it is the student's responsibility to verify course requirements with their Angelo State University professor.

Enjoy your summer reading!