



# PROVIDENCE SCHOOL

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## 2026 HIGH SCHOOL REQUIRED SUMMER READING

### ENTERING 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Summer novel assignments afford an excellent opportunity to sharpen reading skills during non-academic time and to foster an enjoyment of reading in students. Upon returning to school in August, a test will be administered with the goal of holding students accountable for this assigned work.

Students should view summer reading as independent; they should not expect an extensive review of the assigned text once they return to school but should feel free to email their teacher should they have any questions about the book.

Suggestions for reading and comprehending successfully:

**Annotate:** Make notes in the text as you read. Highlight significant quotations. Ask questions in the margins of the book.

**Note taking:** Record characters, events, plot lines, and details from each chapter.

**Use the audio book:** Many students find success reading along while they listen to the book being read aloud. Many audio books can be found online for free.

**Create the environment:** Do not read while you are distracted or in a noisy environment; do not try to multitask while reading.

#### **Areas to focus on for the test:**

**Characters:** Be able to match characters with their descriptions or characters with quotations.

**Themes:** Be prepared to express larger themes of the book in writing.

**Plot:** Know details, even those that may seem insignificant, that show you have read the book carefully.

Please look at the chart on the next page to determine which book(s) to read for your course. Please note that some courses require two book selections.

**REQUIRED BOOKS:** Please read the book for your next course level by the first full week of school. The books are available online or at your local retailer.

COURSE	BOOK	ISBN
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade English College Prep	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i> by Ernest Hemmingway	
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Honors	<b>Choose One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>A Long Walk to Water</i> by Linda Sue Park</li><li>• <i>The Hiding Place</i> by Corrie Ten Boom</li></ul>	
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade English College Prep	<i>The Pearl</i> by John Steinbeck	
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Honors	<b>Choose One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Pearl</i> by John Steinbeck</li><li>• <i>Left to Tell</i> by Immaculée Ilibagiz</li></ul>	
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade English College Prep	<b>Choose One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Redeeming Love</i> by Francine Rivers</li><li>• <i>The Long Way Gone</i> by Ishmael Beah</li></ul>	
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Dual Enrollment & Honors	<b>Choose One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>A Long Way Gone</i> by Ishmael Beah</li><li>• <i>The Heavenly Man</i> by Brother Yun</li><li>• <i>Educated</i> by Tara Westover</li></ul>	
AP Language	<i>Educated</i> by Tara Westover	
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade English College Prep	<b>Choose One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> by C.S. Lewis</li><li>• <i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak</li></ul>	
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Dual Enrollment & Honors	<b>Choose One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Nightingale</i> by Kristin Hannah</li><li>• <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> by C.S. Lewis</li><li>• <i>All The Light We Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr</li><li>• <i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak</li></ul>	
AP Literature	<b>Choose One:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Wuthering Heights</i> by Emily Bronte</li><li>• <i>Jane Eyre</i> by Charlotte Bronte</li><li>• <i>The Kite Runner</i> by Khaled Hosseini</li></ul>	