

INTRODUCTION

The Summer Reading Program at Suffield Academy reflects several important aims. First, we want to encourage our students to read outside of the classroom and beyond the school year. We also hope to promote an appreciation for a diversity of writing. Finally, we value the shared experience of all faculty and students reading a common text.

Suffield Academy students are expected to read a minimum of three books over the course of the summer, though they are strongly encouraged to read more. Supplemental reading lists have been included here, suggesting titles that are appropriate for the skill-level of each respective grade. Honors students may have additional required reading, which is indicated.

Students should expect to write about both their English and history books during the first week of fall term classes and to participate in discussions of the community text. Summer reading selections can be found at most retailers.

If you have any questions about summer reading, or if you are having difficulty obtaining a title, please contact:

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SENIOR READING LIST

Required Community Text

Of Beetles and Angels, by Mawi Asgedom

Required English Reading

The Life of Pi, by Yann Martel

Required for Honors English

The Odyssey, by Homer (Fagles translation preferred)
The Life of Pi, by Yann Martel

Required History Reading

AP Economics and Business and Economics
Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

AP Government and Politics

The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court, by Jeffery Toobin

Civil War/20th Century War

The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism, by Andrew J. Bacevich

Recommended

A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius, by Dave Eggers
Desert Solitaire, by Edward Abbey
Empire Falls, by Richard Russo
For Whom the Bell Tolls, by Ernest Hemingway
Notes from the Underground, by Fyodor Dostoevsky
Rabbit Run, by John Updike
Saturday, by Ian McEwan
The Color Purple, by Alice Walker
The Left Hand of Darkness, by Ursula K. LeGuin
The Loved One, by Evelyn Waugh
The Picture of Dorian Gray, by Oscar Wilde
The Power and The Glory, by Graham Greene
Wait Till Next Year, by Doris Kearns Goodwin
Wuthering Heights, by Emily Bronte

JUNIOR READING LIST

Required Community Text

Of Beetles and Angels, by Mawi Asgedom

Required English Reading

The Joy Luck Club, by Amy Tan

Required for Honors English

How to Read Literature Like a Professor, by Thomas C. Foster
The Joy Luck Club, by Amy Tan

Required History Reading

Chinese/East Asian Studies

Lost Names, by Richard E. Kim

European Studies

The People of the Book, by Geraldine Brooks

Latin American Studies

In the Time of the Butterflies, by Julia Alvarez

AP US History

The Ugly American, by Eugene Burdick and William J. Lederer

Recommended

A Prayer for Owen Meany, by John Irving
A Room With a View, by E.M. Forster
Giovanni's Room, by James Baldwin
Jazz, by Toni Morrison
Proof, by David Auburn
Tess of the D'Urbervilles, by Thomas Hardy
The Bell Jar, by Sylvia Plath
The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins
The Ragman's Memory, by Archer Mayor
The Woman Warrior, by Maxine Hong Kingston
Lakota Woman, by Mary Crow Dog
The Things They Carried, by Tim O'Brien
The Bluest Eye, by Toni Morrison

SOPHOMORE READING LIST

Required Community Text

Of Beetles and Angels, by Mawi Asgedom

Required English Reading

The Secret Life of Bees, by Sue Monk Kidd

Required for Honors English

Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury

The Secret Life of Bees, by Sue Monk Kidd

Required History Reading

US History

To America: Personal Reflections of an Historian,
by Stephen Ambrose

Honors US History

The Education of Little Tree, by Forrest Carter

Recommended Reading

1984, by George Orwell

Into the Wild, by Jon Krakauer

Reaper Man, by Terry Pratchett

Rebecca, by Daphne du Maurier

Sense and Sensibility, by Jane Austen

The Bingo Palace, by Louise Erdrich

The Book Thief, by Markus Zusak

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,
by Mark Haddon

The Maltese Falcon, by Dashiell Hammett

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency,

by Alexander McCall Smith

The Once and Future King, by T.H. White

FRESHMAN READING LIST

Required Community Text

Of Beetles and Angels, by Mawi Asgedom

Required English Reading

A Night to Remember, by Walter Lord

Required History Reading

Foundations in History

Dead Guy Interviews, by Michael A. Stusser

Recommended Reading

A Bell for Adano, by John Hersey

A Separate Peace, by John Knowles

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith

Dove, by Robin Lee Graham

How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents,
by Julia Alvarez

Lord of the Flies, by William Golding

Rocket Boys, by Homer Hickam

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain

The Call of the Wild, by Jack London

The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Hound of the Baskervilles,

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Mysterious Island, by Jules Verne

To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee

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