

Level 3 Summer Reading 2025

All students in a level 3 English class are required to read over the summer. Please review the list carefully and read the book that is required for the grade you will enter in August.

Freshmen

Miles Morales: Spider-Man – Jason Reynolds

Sophomores

The Lord of the Flies – William Golding

Juniors

Go Tell It on a Mountain – James Baldwin

Seniors

The Handmaid's Tale - Margaret Atwood

This book must be read by the time you start school in August. The first week of class will be devoted to discussion of the book and one of your first assignments will be to write an essay about the book. Your teacher will provide you with all of the details (the prompt as well as rubric) during the first week of class.



McDowell Program Summer Reading 2025

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Honors Freshman Summer Reading 2025

Freshmen in the Honors Exploring Literature & Writing Class must read the following:

The Great Divorce – C.S. Lewis Foster – Claire Keegan

These books must be read by the time you start school in August. The first week of class will be devoted to discussion of the book and one of your first assignments will be to write an essay about the book. Your teacher will provide you with all of the details (the prompt as well as rubric) during the first week of class.



Honors Sophomores Summer Reading 2025

Sophomores in the Honors Exploring Literature & Writing Class must read the following:

The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit by Michael Finkel

Students must:

- Obtain a physical copy of the book. Digital books are not permitted. Bring your books to class during the first week of school.
- Read and annotate the book over the summer.

Your summer reading in-class essay will occur during the first week of classes. Your teacher will provide you with the rubric during the first week of classes. Be prepared for a timed in-class essay during the first week of classes. You will not receive the prompt ahead of time.



Honors Juniors Summer Reading 2025

Juniors in the Honors American Literature must read the following:

Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

Students must do the following:

- Ensure you buy a clean, paper copy of this book. No digital books are accepted, as you will only be allowed to use a hard copy of the text on the timed writing happening the second day of class.
- Read and annotate your book over the summer.
- As noted above, be ready for a timed writing on the second day of class.
 - Note: you will not have the prompt in advance, but if you've read this text and annotated with intention, you will be able to demonstrate mastery and achieve success on the timed writing.



Honors Seniors Summer Reading 2025

Seniors in the Honors World Literature must read the following:

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

This book must be read by the time you start school in August. The first week of class will be devoted to discussion of the book and one of your first assignments will be to write an essay about the book. Your teacher will provide you with all of the details (the prompt as well as rubric) during the first week of class.