

Rising 11th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Prior to the start of the 2019-2020 school year, all rising 11th graders are expected to complete the summer reading assignment explained below. This assignment will set the tone for the school year ahead, and will provide students with an opportunity to challenge themselves as a student and a reader. All reading choices exemplify core themes that students will be working with during the school year.

English 11 On-Level: Choose ONE of the following novels to read:

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller

Friday Night Lights by Buzz Bissinger

This is How You Lose Her by Junot Diaz

English 11 Honors/English 11 Humanities- Choose TWO of the following novels to read:

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller

Friday Night Lights by Buzz Bissinger

This is How You Lose Her by Junot Diaz

Students are expected to read and annotate their novels. These texts will be a core part of the first quarter curriculum in all 11th grade English classes. Students should expect both reading comprehension as well as short answer analysis questions the first week back. After that, these novels will be connected thematically throughout the quarter and the year, with students expected to make connections directly to the book(s) read.

Parents and students must sign and return the attached letter.