

• Solebury School • Summer Assignments • 2022 •

The English department chooses its summer reading titles based on literary merit and relevance of the texts to what we will study in the coming year, and with attention to a variety of perspectives and genres. Students should come to school in the fall prepared to talk about and work with the texts they read.

Sometimes these books contain material that may be controversial or upsetting. We encourage students to engage in dialogue with a trusted adult or mentor about any content they may find disturbing or difficult. Please read the summary of each book, both required and recommended, carefully previous to starting your summer reading.

Links to book summaries are posted with the summer reading assignments listed by class below. NOTE: **These links DO NOT indicate the editions you should buy or companies you should purchase your books from. They are there just to provide information and context on the stories themselves.** There is no restriction on what edition or version of texts you read for either the required or recommended summer readings. You may use an edition that you already own or purchase a book or an ebook from any store or online retailer that you choose.

English 9: Introduction to the Genres (core)

Required: [*home is not a country*, Safia Elhillo](#)

Recommended: [one title from the recommended reading list](#)

English 9: Introduction to the Genres (honors)

Required: [*We Have Always Lived in the Castle*, Shirley Jackson](#)

Recommended: [one title from the recommended reading list](#)

English 10: World Literature (core)

Required: [*Maus I: My Father Bleeds History*, Art Spiegelman](#), (*Maus 1* is required summer reading and *Maus 2* will be read in class.)

Recommended: [one title from the recommended reading list](#)

English 10: World Literature (honors)

Required: 1) [*Maus I: My Father Bleeds History*, Art Spiegelman](#) (*Maus 1* is required summer reading and *Maus 2* will be read in class.) 2) [one title from the recommended reading list](#)

English 11: American Literature (core)

Required: [*Kindred*, Octavia Butler](#)

Recommended: [one title from the recommended reading list](#)

English 11: American Literature (honors)

Required: 1) [*Kindred*, Octavia Butler](#) 2) [one title from the recommended reading list](#)

American Studies: Literature (honors)

Required: 1) [*Kindred*, Octavia Butler](#) 2) [one title from the recommended reading list](#)

AP English Literature and Composition (Grade 12)

Required: 1) [*Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley](#) 2) [*How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, Thomas C. Foster](#) 3) [Mandatory Writing Assignment](#)

Various Electives (Grade 12)

Required: none

Recommended: [one title from the recommended reading list](#)