

Woodland Hills High School



English Department

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Summer Reading Requirements

Although the summer months bring a time to relax, have fun, and enjoy the freedom of no school schedules, students benefit greatly from participating in a summer reading program. All students experience learning losses during the summer when they do not take part in any educational activities. Students who have enrolled in regular, advanced, and AP English courses have a summer reading requirement to prepare them for the academic focus of their school year.

Students taking an Advanced or Regular English class in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 are required to read the following before the first day of class:

- Advanced English 9: *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- English 9: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- Advanced English 10: *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- English 10: *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder
- Advanced English 11: *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- English 11: *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines
- Advanced English 12: *1984* by George Orwell
The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
- English 12: *The Stranger* by Albert Camus

On the first day of class in the fall, students will be given either a test, a writing assignment, or both to demonstrate their completion and understanding of the reading(s).

Students taking an Advanced Placement English class in grades 11 or 12 are required to read the following before the first day of class:

- Advanced Placement English 11: *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams
Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- Advanced Placement English 12: *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

At a separate assembly, Advanced Placement students will be given detailed assignments that will be due the first day of class.

These books are available at local libraries and bookstores.

ALL STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE: Spark Notes, Cliffs Notes and other similar study guides are NOT acceptable as substitutes for reading the required summer books.