



2023 Summer Book List

Grades 9-12

We hope that you have a wonderful summer filled with reading great books. Today you received your summer reading book. Every SPS student in your grade will be reading the same one. **What fun it will be to talk about your book with others this August!**

This summer, continue to cultivate the habit of reading and escape into new worlds this summer with a good book! **ALL** students need to select **one** book from the SPS Summer Reading List and be prepared to discuss that book the first week of school in their English classes. Please remember that summer reading is an expectation of all students. In the English Language Arts Department, we are a culture of readers and we look forward to hearing your thoughts about the stories and the topics you've read. Audiobooks are available at Learning Ally access through Clever. When you finish your assigned book, choose books from the lists located on the back of this flier.

101 Great Books Recommended for College-Bound Readers

[Beowulf](#)

[Things Fall Apart](#) by Chinua Achebe

[A Death in the Family](#) by James Agee

[Pride and Prejudice](#) by Jane Austen

[Go Tell It on the Mountain](#) by James Baldwin

[Waiting for Godot](#) by Samuel Beckett

[The Adventures of Augie March](#) by Saul Bellow

[Jane Eyre](#) by Charlotte Bronte

[Wuthering Heights](#) by Emily Bronte

[The Stranger](#) by Albert Camus

[Death Comes for the Archbishop](#) by Willa Cather

[The Canterbury Tales](#) by Geoffrey Chaucer

[The Cherry Orchard](#) by Anton Chekhov

[The Awakening](#) by Kate Chopin

[Heart of Darkness](#) by Joseph Conrad

[The Last of the Mohicans](#) by James Fenimore Cooper

[The Red Badge of Courage](#) by Stephen Crane

[Inferno](#) by Dante

[Don Quixote](#) by Miguel de Cervantes

[Robinson Crusoe](#) by Daniel Defoe

[A Tale of Two Cities](#) by Charles Dickens

[Crime and Punishment](#) by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

[Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass](#) by Frederick Douglass

[An American Tragedy](#) by Theodore Dreiser

[The Three Musketeers](#) by Alexandre Dumas

[The Mill on the Floss](#) by George Eliot

[Invisible Man](#) by Ralph Ellison

[Selected Essays](#) by Ralph Waldo Emerson

[As I Lay Dying](#) by William Faulkner

[The Sound and the Fury](#) by William Faulkner

[Tom Jones](#) by Henry Fielding

[The Great Gatsby](#) by F. Scott Fitzgerald

[Madame Bovary](#) by Gustave Flaubert

[The Good Soldier](#) by Ford Madox Ford

[Faust](#) by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

[Lord of the Flies](#) by William Golding

[Tess of the d'Urbervilles](#) by Thomas Hardy

[The Scarlet Letter](#) by Nathaniel Hawthorne

[Catch-22](#) by Joseph Heller

[A Farewell to Arms](#) by Ernest Hemingway

[The Iliad](#) by Homer

[The Odyssey](#) by Homer

[The Hunchback of Notre Dame](#) by Victor Hugo

[Their Eyes Were Watching God](#) by Zora Neale Hurston

[Brave New World](#) by Aldous Huxley

[A Doll's House](#) by Henrik Ibsen

[The Portrait of a Lady](#) by Henry James

[The Turn of the Screw](#) by Henry James

[A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man](#) by James Joyce

[The Metamorphosis](#) by Franz Kafka

[The Woman Warrior](#) by Maxine Hong Kingston

[To Kill a Mockingbird](#) Harper Lee

[Babbitt](#) by Sinclair Lewis

[The Call of the Wild](#) by Jack London

[The Magic Mountain](#) by Thomas Mann

[One Hundred Years of Solitude](#) by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

[Bartleby the Scrivener](#) by Herman Melville

[Moby Dick](#) by Herman Melville

[The Crucible](#) by Arthur Miller

[Beloved](#) by Toni Morrison

[A Good Man is Hard to Find](#) by Flannery O'Connor

[Long Day's Journey into Night](#) by Eugene O'Neill

[Animal Farm](#) by George Orwell

[Doctor Zhivago](#) by Boris Pasternak

[The Bell Jar](#) by Sylvia Plath

[Selected Tales](#) by Edgar Allen Poe

[Swann's Way](#) by Marcel Proust

[The Crying of Lot 49](#) by Thomas Pynchon

[All Quiet on the Western Front](#) by Erich Maria Remarque

[Cyrano de Bergerac](#) by Edmond Rostand

[Call it Sleep](#) by Henry Roth

[The Catcher in the Rye](#) by J.D. Salinger

[Hamlet](#) by William Shakespeare

[Macbeth](#) by William Shakespeare

[A Midsummer Night's Dream](#) by William Shakespeare

[Romeo and Juliet](#) by William Shakespeare

[Pygmalion](#) by George Bernard Shaw

[Frankenstein](#) by Mary Shelley

[Ceremony](#) by Leslie Marmon Silko

[One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich](#) by Alexander Solzhenitsyn

[Antigone](#) by Sophocles

[Oedipus Rex](#) by Sophocles

[The Grapes of Wrath](#) by John Steinbeck

[Treasure Island](#) by Robert Louis Stevenson

[Uncle Tom's Cabin](#) by Harriet Beecher Stowe

[Gulliver's Travels](#) by Jonathan Swift

[Vanity Fair](#) by William Thackeray

[Walden](#) by Henry David Thoreau

[War and Peace](#) by Leo Tolstoy

[Fathers and Sons](#) by Ivan Turgenev

[The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn](#) by Mark Twain

[Candide](#) by Voltaire

[Slaughterhouse-Five](#) by Kurt Vonnegut

[*The Color Purple*](#) by Alice Walker

[*Leaves of Grass*](#) by Walt Whitman

[*To the Lighthouse*](#) by Virginia Woolf

[*The House of Mirth*](#) by Edith Wharton

[*The Picture of Dorian Gray*](#) by Oscar Wilde

[*Native Son*](#) by Richard Wright

[*Collected Stories*](#) by Eudora Welty

[*The Glass Menagerie*](#) by Tennessee Williams

Research shows that students, on average, score lower on standardized tests administered at the end of summer than they do when they take the same tests at the end of the school year. Low-income students are especially negatively impacted—they experience greater summer learning losses than their wealthier counterparts. In many cases, schools provide summer reading lists for students, but if your school doesn't, here's a high school summer reading list that's "teenager-approved" and can help combat summer brain drain. Just keep in mind that some of these books deal with mature subjects.

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Enjoy the summer and read lots of books!