



South Windsor High School Summer Reading

Greetings SWHS students and families,

Each summer, the SWHS English Language Arts department provides students with a reading assignment. The purpose of summer reading is to engage in ongoing reading and learning, and to develop a culture of literacy in our community.

Assignment for ECE Literature Students:

Select **TWO** works from the following list that you have not read before:

Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe
Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston
Jasmine, Bharati Mukherjee
The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood
Slaughterhouse Five, Kurt Vonnegut
The Road, Cormac McCarthy
Parable of the Sower, Octavia Butler
Never Let me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro
Chronicle of a Death Foretold, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Still Alice, Lisa Genova
Sing, Unburied, Sing, Jesmyn Ward
Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte
Exit West, Moshin Hamid
Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath
Reservation Blues, Sherman Alexie
Dune, Frank Herbert
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen

For each book, you are required to keep a **reading journal**. You may do this either electronically or in a notebook. Your reading journal entries should "tell the story of your reading" by documenting the pages or section you read and reflecting on the section in 150 words or more. Your journal should be written in a personal style; it should have at least six entries for each book and will be scored based on thoroughness, thoughtfulness, and engagement.

A Final Note: Just as athletes need to stay in shape during the off-season, your summer reading assignment is meant to "keep you in shape" over the summer. Research supports that wide reading promotes academic success across all content areas. South Windsor High School is a community that values and celebrates literacy, so we encourage you to read **several** texts throughout the summer. This assignment serves as an opportunity to start the year on a positive note, and to engage in conversations with peers about several texts related to a common theme! If you don't do the reading assignment, you risk losing credit on the beginning of the year activities. If you need help selecting or obtaining a copy of a text, or understanding the reading this summer, please contact your English teacher or email Candice Irwin, K-12 Literacy Curriculum Specialist at cirwin@swindsor.k12.ct.us *Happy reading!*