2020 Palmyra Area High School Summer Reading List

“Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.” ~ Joseph Addison
    English essayist, poet, and dramatist, 1672-1719

The following books have been chosen as those that will best prepare you for your upcoming course. These titles will not only represent the reading level at which you will be expected to achieve, they will also provide essential background and/or enrichment for those elements of literature and writing included in the course.

Choose ONE of the books listed for your course, and be prepared to complete an assessment within the first week of class – Semester One OR Semester Two. Your teacher may choose to study this work further once the semester begins.

You may purchase these books online or at any local bookstore that carries new and/or used books. The Palmyra High School, local, and college libraries are also options.

ONLY STUDENTS TAKING AN HONORS LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) COURSE ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT.

Honors English Language Arts (ELA) 9
* The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch
* Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassin by James L. Swanson
* The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Honors English Language Arts (ELA) 10
* A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines
* All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Remarque
* The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara
* The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver

Honors American Literature (grade 11 or 12)
* Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow
* Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
* The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams

Honors British Literature (grade 11 or 12)
* Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
* A Room with a View by E.M. Forster
* Dracula by Bram Stoker

Summer Packets for AP English Language & Composition and AP English Literature & Composition can be found in the PASD Honors/AP Summer Work folder on Schoology.

Thank you for taking the time to read this summer. Enjoy!