

Palmyra Area High School

Summer Reading List

Updated 2019

“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 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

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