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# RYE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Rye High School Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Reading transports us to new worlds, or even teaches us more about the people, places, and institutions in our own. The English Department hopes students and families will continue reading as often as possible this summer. We know many have been reading independently and discovering new authors and interests during our time at home. Our goal is to continue encouraging students to become lifelong readers and learners.

Your summer reading challenge is to read at least two books you have not read before. In September, students will evaluate their summer reading books and participate in discussions within their classrooms about the various books. Instead of a finite list of suggestions, we are including resources below to help you find amazing books to read. Please also talk to family members, friends, teachers, and librarians for help selecting books. [Click here](#) to peruse book recommendations across a variety of genres on our collaborative faculty summer reading Padlet.

Students electing AP and honors English courses will complete specific assignments for their respective classes *in addition* to reading two books independently. Books for advanced English students are listed after the resources; assignments for advanced English students are linked as well. We hope all students and families enjoy summer reading!

Sincerely,  
The Rye High School English Department

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## Resources for Selecting Summer Reading Books:

### [The Rye Free Reading Room:](#)

Our local library offers book suggestions, lists of award-winning books, and exciting teen programs and prizes. Students should log their reading on the library's READsquared app to earn prizes and share book reviews. Visit the website for help borrowing e-books. [Click here](#) for access to their summer reading website too.

### [Outstanding Books for the College Bound and Lifelong Learners:](#)

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) compiles a list of recommended titles every five years. The list is divided into five categories, and is a combination of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. [Click here](#) for a list of the top 25 books for teens in 2020, nominated by teens and compiled by YALSA.





### [Indie Bound Bestseller List:](#)

Hundreds of independent booksellers nationwide collaborate to generate this monthly list.



### [New York Times Bestseller List](#)

Thousands of retailers report unit sales to generate this weekly list by one of our nation's top newspapers.



### [The Great American Read \(PBS\)](#)

This list of 100 novels was generated when PBS conducted a demographically and statistically representative survey asking Americans to name their most-loved novel.

## Students enrolled in Honors or AP courses:

In addition to two books of your choice, read an assigned text for your specific class as noted below, and complete the assignment for your class linked below. Note that the honors classes include lists of historical fiction titles to choose from at each grade level.

Course/Level Fall 2020	Title
 <b>10th Grade Honors</b> <a href="#">Click here</a> for the assignment.	<b>Choose one of the following historical fiction novels:</b> <i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr <i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i> by Jamie Ford <i>The Nightingale</i> by Kristin Hannah <i>11/22/63</i> by Stephen King <i>The Poisonwood Bible</i> by Barbara Kingsolver <i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i> by Lisa See
 <b>11th Grade Honors</b> <a href="#">Click here</a> for the assignment.	<b>Choose one of the following historical fiction novels:</b> <i>Kindred</i> by Octavia Butler <i>The Last Runaway</i> by Tracy Chevalier <i>The Invention of Wings</i> by Sue Monk Kidd <i>The Color Purple</i> by Alice Walker <i>The Underground Railroad</i> by Colson Whitehead
 <b>AP English Language</b> <a href="#">Click here</a> for the assignment.	<a href="#">Click here</a> for a selection of essays.
 <b>AP English Literature</b> <a href="#">Click here</a> for the assignment.	<a href="#">Pride and Prejudice</a> by Jane Austen Click on the title to read a free digital copy of the book!

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