

9th + 10th Grade Summer Reading

All Upper School Students will read a total of three books: two books must come from their grade level list and one book may be any title of the student's choice. Required summer reading titles for AP and Honors classes will also count toward the three-book total. Students should not select any texts that they have previously read, and students should submit the reading log to their advisors when they return to school in August.

The purpose of summer reading at Baylor is to encourage students to develop a life-long habit of reading, echo the students' classroom learning experiences, and provide opportunities for students to read classics and other texts that expand their perspectives and stimulate interest in the world around them.

CLASSICS

A Separate Peace, John Knowles
All Quiet on the Western Front, Erich Maria Remarque
Lord of the Flies, William Golding
The Scarlet Pimpernel, Baroness Orczy
The Three Musketeers, Alexandre Dumas
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
Emma, Jane Austen
Rebecca, Daphne du Maurier
The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
My Ántonia, Willa Cather
The Haunting of Hill House, Shirley Jackson
Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens
The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, Agatha Christie
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
I Capture the Castle, Dodie Smith

CONTEMPORARY FICTION AND NONFICTION

All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr
Silver Sparrow, Tayari Jones
We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves, Karen Joy Fowler
A Man Called Ove, Fredrik Backman
Warlight, Michael Ondaatje
Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore, Robin Sloan
We Were the Lucky Ones, Georgia Hunter
The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd
The Lost Book of the Grail, Charlie Lovett
Once Upon a River, Diane Setterfield
I Am Malala, Malala Yousafzai
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan
Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town, Warren St. John
Life of Pi, Yann Martel
When the Emperor Was Divine, Julie Otsuka
The Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Speaking, Susan Cain
The Code Book: The Science of Secrecy from Ancient Egypt to Quantum Cryptology, Simon Singh
Brain Rules, John Medina
The Math Instinct: Why You're a Mathematical Genius (Along with Lobsters, Birds, Cats, and Dogs), Keith Devlin
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot
Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania, Erik Larson

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration Into the Wonder of Consciousness, Sy Montgomery
A River Runs Through It, Norman Maclean
The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate – Discoveries from a Secret World, Peter Wohlleben
Walden, Henry David Thoreau
Wilderness Essays, John Muir

SCIENCE FICTION, DYSTOPIAN, AND FANTASY

Lord of the Rings Trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkien
Ready Player One, Ernest Cline
Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro
Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Douglas Adams
Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card
The War of the Worlds, H.G. Wells
A Wizard of Earthsea, Ursula K. LeGuin
Johnathan Strange and Mr. Norrell, Susanna Clarke
The Once and Future King, T.H. White
Nineteen Eighty-Four, George Orwell



➔ The recommended reading lists, AP course summer reading required titles, reading response assignments, and the summer reading log are available at: baylor.school.org/summerreading.