



# SUMMER READING

## 2023

*Notre Dame-Fairfield*

Summer is a great time to read! To develop the reading habits that will help you in school and in life, we encourage you to find good books. Read as a family, read with a friend, read in the morning, read at night. Make reading a habit, as instinctual as checking your phone.

We believe that reading is beneficial for social, emotional, and intellectual growth. It helps us grow in empathy, knowledge, and curiosity. Sustained reading increases vocabulary, solidifies academic gains, and helps ensure college success.

This year, you'll have three categories of books to choose from:

- YA Fiction
- Non-Fiction and Self Help
- Poetry Collections

**You must choose at least two books off of the lists provided below**, though we sincerely hope that you'll read even more. When we reconvene in August, your English teacher will explain the assignment you'll be responsible for completing for your chosen books. Please bring your chosen books with you to class.

**We encourage parents and students to work together and use sites such as [Goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com) and [commonsensemedia.org](https://commonsensemedia.org) to select books that are appropriate.**

Many of these books are available at your library or through the [Libby](#) app. [Amazon](#), [Alibris](#), [Abebooks](#), and [Indiebound](#) are all places to shop online for new and used books.

**Please note:** You cannot select a book that you've already read in a previous course.

## YA Fiction:

- ["100 Best-Ever Teen Novels"](#)
- ["15 YA Novels with the Most Jaw-Droppingly Good Twists"](#)
- ["5 YA Books for Summer"](#)

## Non-Fiction and Self Help:

- ["12 Nonfiction Books for Teens That Are Total Page-Turners"](#)
- ["Teen Self Help Books"](#)
- ["The 8 Best Inspirational Books for Teens of 2023"](#)

## Poetry Collections:

- ["25 Of The Best Poetry Books For Teens"](#)
- ["24 Poetry Books for Teens to Devour"](#)
- ["9 Best Poetry Books For Teens and Young Adults"](#)

## ADDITIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to your two choices selected from the above lists, students in the following courses must also read a third required book. Stay tuned for the assignment you will be given by your English teacher on this specific text in August.

AP Humanities: *Educated* by Tara Westover

Honors English IV (ECE): *The Road to Character* by David Brooks

HH American Literature: *Weaving Sundown in a Scarlet Light* by Joy Harjo

AP British Literature: *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

HH English I: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

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