

IB SUMMER READING LISTS

The following novels are required reading for students who will be taking IB English courses next year. You are encouraged to procure your own copies of the books; if you can't or don't want to purchase your own books, copies of each text are available in the IB English teachers' classrooms (room 514 for 11th grade and room 209 for 12th grade). Keep in mind that ordering a used copy online from sites like Amazon will save you time and money, but be sure to calculate shipping costs into your totals. You will also find copies at local bookstores (be sure to check the used book stores as well) and the public library.

Please resist the temptation to watch a film version of the novel in place of reading it. There's no substitute for the original; a movie can hardly compare to *your* stupendous imagination. SparkNotes can be helpful, but are not always entirely accurate. They should only serve as an aid to your reading, and your tests are sure to go beyond what is presented in these brief guides.

Please read the attached article on marking your books. We also recommend reading with a dictionary nearby. Circle new words and then scribble their definitions into the margins. If you are using a borrowed copy of the book, don't deface it; use a small notebook, sticky-notes, or your computer to jot down important quotes as well as your own thoughts and questions. Keep up with these annotations, as you may be asked to show them at the beginning of the year.

The summer may seem long and limitless in June, but August will be here before you know it. Set a schedule for yourself and stick with it. Don't wait until the last week of summer break to read the summer readings. Also, don't wait for Winter Break to begin your winter reading. Once school starts, it's hard to find the time to read closely.

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1st Year (11th grade)

Summer Reading

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Winter Reading

Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel
Chronicle of a Death Foretold by Gabriel García Márquez
Thousand Cranes by Yasunari Kawabata

2nd Year (12th grade)

Summer Reading

Othello by William Shakespeare
Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison