

June 7, 2022

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We hope that the Methuen High School Summer Reading Program provides students with a meaningful and pleasurable literary experience. In preparation for class discussions held in English classes at the beginning of the school year, students are expected to **select and read one book** from the attached grade level list. In addition to reading the goodreads summaries provided, students are encouraged to consult with their parents and teachers when selecting a text. You will notice that, by design, the summer reading titles for each grade align thematically for the sake of the class discussion. However, most offerings differ in complexity, genre, and content. Please take the time to consider which book suits you best.

To prepare for participation in the class discussion, students are encouraged to take notes in a [format](#) of your choice and/or respond to these [open-ended questions](#). English teachers will offer further guidance at the start of the school year. Student participation in the class discussion will account for five percent of the first term grade.

[Grade 9 List](#)
[Grade 10 List](#)
[Grade 11 List](#)
[Grade 12 List](#)

Students enrolled in either AP English Language and Composition or AP English Literature and Composition for the 22-23 school year **do not** need to select a book from these lists, but instead are required to complete the AP summer work for their respective course(s).

Ways to access the texts:

Nevins Memorial Library: Many summer reading titles are available at [Nevins Memorial Library](#). The librarians are very helpful and eager to support MHS readers!

Online or Brick & Mortar Booksellers: A variety of online book-sellers offer our summer reading titles. Many of our students purchase used copies on [Amazon](#) or [Thrift Books](#) at a significantly discounted price. Barnes & Noble and other local booksellers will likely offer these titles as well.

Open Ebooks: Each grade level list offers at least two Open Ebook selections. Students can download the app, which will soon be available in their Clever account also, then email Dr. Golobski Twomey (lagolobski@methuen.k12.ma.us) to receive a login and password. These credentials will give students access to the entire Open ebook library, which includes many high-interest titles in addition to those on our reading lists.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Enjoy your summer,

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