

Wyomissing Area Junior-Senior High School
English Department Summer Reading List

Summer 2023

For this year, summer reading for accelerated, honors, and Advanced Placement classes is required; for academic classes, summer reading is enrichment and strongly encouraged. Be sure to read according to the books designated for the English class for which you have been recommended for the 2023-2024 school year.

Entering grade 7 English: (Choose 1)

- *The Honest Truth* by Dan Gemeinhart (ISBN: 978-0545665742)
- *One For the Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (ISBN: 978-0142426524)
- *Eight Keys* by Suzanne LaFleur (ISBN: 978-0375872136)
- *Half a World Away* by Cynthia Kadohata (ISBN: 978-1442412767)
- *Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (ISBN: 978-0544107717)

Entering grade 8 English

Accelerated English: Lewis, John, ed al. *March*: Book 1. ISBN: 978-1603093002

Academic English: Choose one of the following:

- Alifirenka, Caitlin and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch. *I will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives*. ISBN: 978-0316241335
- Pearsall, Shelly. *The Seventh Most Important Thing*. ISBN: 978-0553497311
- Reynolds, Jason. *Ghost*. ISBN: 978-1481450157
- Smith, Roland. *Zach's Lie*. ISBN: 978-0786814404
- Venkatraman, Padma. *A Time to Dance*. ISBN: 978-0147514400

Entering grade 9 English

Honors English: Choose one of the following:

- Green, John. *Turtles All the Way Down*. ISBN: 978-0525555360
- Quick, Matthew. *Boy21*. ISBN: 978-0316127967
- Shusterman, Neal. *Challenger Deep*. ISBN: 978-0061134142
- Toten, Teresa. *The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B*. ISBN: 978-0553507898

Academic English: Choose one of the following:

- Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Fever 1793*. ISBN: 978-0689848919
- Avi. *Nothing but the Truth*. ISBN: 978-0545174152
- Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game*. ISBN: 978-0812550702
- *Draper, Sharon. *Copper Sun*. ISBN: 978-1416953487
(This choice contains realistic portrayals of the slave trade, which some readers may find disturbing.)
- Fleischman, Paul. *Whirligig*. ISBN: 978-0312629113
- *Green, John. *The Fault in Our Stars*: ISBN: 978-0525478812
(This choice contains mature situations and language.)
- Roth, Veronica. *Divergent*. ISBN: 978-0062024039

Entering grade 10 English

Honors English: *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

Academic English (Choose 1):

- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles (ISBN: 978-0743253970)
- *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand (ISBN: 978-1400064168) or the Young Adult version titled *Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive* (ISBN: 978-0605828018)
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak (ISBN: 978-0375842207)

Entering grade 11 English

Advanced Placement Language and Composition: Choose one of the following books:

- *Educated, A Memoir* by Tara Westover. ISBN 978-0-399-59050-4.
- *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. ISBN: 978-0399588198.

Advanced Placement Research: Read the selected text.

- *100 Questions (and answers) about Research Methods* by Neil Salkind. ISBN 978-1-4129-9203-9.

Honors English: Choose one of the following books:

- Atwood, Margaret. *The Handmaid's Tale*. ISBN: 978-0385490818
- Gardner, John. *Grendel*. ISBN: 978-0679723110
- Hemingway, Ernest. *The Sun Also Rises*. ISBN: 978-1501121968

Academic English: Choose one of the following books:

- Krakauer, Jon. *Into the Wild*. ISBN: 978-0385486804
- McCarthy, Cormac. *The Road*. ISBN: 978-0307387899
- McCourt, Frank. *Angela's Ashes*. ISBN: 978-0684842677
- Picoult, Jodi. *My Sister's Keeper*. ISBN: 978-0743454537
- Sebold, Alice. *The Lovely Bones*. ISBN: 978-0316168816

Entering grade 12 English

AP Literature and Composition: Read a full novel of fiction that you haven't read before that is either a winner or a finalist from the following sources:

- National Book Awards: <https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/years/>
- Pulitzer Prize for Fiction: <https://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/219>
(Note: You may not choose *All the Light We Cannot See* or *The Nickel Boys*, as those will be taught during the school year.)

Advanced Placement Research: Read the selected text.

- *100 Questions (and answers) about Research Methods* by Neil Salkind. ISBN 978-1-4129-9203-9.

Honors English: Read *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth. ISBN 978-1501111112.

Academic English: Read *The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life* by Kwame Alexander. ISBN 978-0544570979.