



English Department West Seneca West Senior High School

June 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians of English III Students:

Reading during the summer develops lifelong reading habits and it is an important part of West Senior's English curriculum.

Summer reading for the 2023 school year is mandatory. During the summer, students must read one of the books listed on the attached page. Students will complete a written assessment in English class during the first week of school. We recommend students take notes while reading their book and/or bring their book to class the first week.

Each grade level has a different list, so students should be sure to choose from the list that corresponds to the grade level they are entering in September. *Students entering Grade 9 Honors, English 10 Honors, English IV Enriched and AP/Hilbert 12H have a different assignment.* Students who are enrolled in one of those classes in the fall but did not receive the assignment specific to that class can access the correct assignment on West Senior's website under *School Resources* and then under *English Summer Reading*.

The books on the list cover a wide range of reading levels and genres. If needed, students can receive help selecting a book from the list by speaking to their English teacher or Mrs. Knaze, West Senior's school librarian, before the end of school in June. While students may want to purchase a copy of the book to bring it to school in September, it is also possible to borrow the book from the library. Depending on availability, students can check out their selected book from West Senior's library before school ends in June or borrow it from the public library. An electronic copy of the book may be obtained using SORA, accessible through the West Senior library's web site at <http://wswshs.wscschools.libguides.com/home>, or through the West Seneca Public Library's catalog of ebooks and via Overdrive at https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default. If students are borrowing a book/e-book from the library, they should take notes as they read to review before the in-class written assessment. *Students will not be permitted to use their phones to access ebooks or notes.*

We believe this program will enhance our students' reading skills. If students have any questions during the summer, they can email their previous English teacher or jschubring@wscschools.org or pcarlone@wscschools.org. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to an exciting and successful school year!

Sincerely,

The Faculty of the West Seneca West English Department
Summer Reading List for Students Entering English III, 2023

Nonfiction

- *The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music* by Dave Grohl
- *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell
- *Bossypants* by Tina Fey
- *Service : A Navy Seal at War* by Marcus Luttrell

Sports

- *Open Ice* by Pat Hughes
- *Stupid Fast* by Geoff Herbach
- *Ball Don't Lie* by Matt de la Pena
- *You Win in the Locker Room First: The 7 C's to Build a Winning Team* by Jon Gordon

Adventure

- *Undercurrent* by Jeff Schober
- *Going Bovine* by Libba Bray

Fantasy/Other Worlds

- *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
- *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch

Science & Technology

- *Catalyst* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* by Mary Roach

Romance

- *Pride* by Ibi Zoboi
- *Twenty Boy Summer* by Sarah Ockler
- *Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater

Historical Fiction

- *What I Saw and How I Lied* by Judy Blundell
- *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng
- *The Berlin Boxing Club* by Robert Sharenow

Mystery/Suspense/Thrillers

- *Wish You Were Dead* by Todd Strasser
- *Maggot Moon* by Sally Gardner

Friendships

- *The Last Exit to Normal* by Michael Harmon
- *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

Social Issues

- *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds
- *Ophelia* by Lisa Klein
- *Memory of Light* by Francisco X. Stork

Guy Stuff

- *Blood Brothers* by S.A. Harazin
- *Swim the Fly* by Don Calame

Classics

- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou