

English 10 Honors

Summer Reading 2020-2021

1. All students must read *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe.
2. Students should choose a second book from the following:
 - *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
Christopher Boone learns some of his family's secrets while he investigates the murder of a neighborhood dog.
 - *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford
Henry Lee, a Chinese-American living in Seattle, reminisces about his Japanese-American childhood friend who, along with her family, was evacuated to an internment camp in the 1940s.
 - *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
Lily Owens runs away from home with her friend/caregiver and finds herself drawn to Tiburon, South Carolina, where she stays with the beekeeping Boatwright sisters.
 - *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater (nonfiction)
Two teenagers board a bus in Oakland, California. One leaves the bus severely burned; the other leaves the bus charged with a hate crime.

Be advised:

Several of the optional reads contain a degree of profanity and/or mature content. It is the opinion of the English Department that the merits of the texts, academically and thematically, outweigh the language.

All students will have their summer readings done **BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

Students should expect to have a quiz, test and/or a performance assessment for each of the summer readings.

Teachers will go over specific due dates for the quizzes and performance assessments on the first day of school.