

Required High School Summer Assignment

Summer Reading: (1) Read two books from this list, or one book from this list and one biography, memoir, or autobiography or other book of your own choosing. Any edition or translation is fine. These recommendations include many traditional “classics” of western culture, as well as suggestions for discovering other world masterworks.

(2) Create a carefully designed and well executed product that will persuade others to read the books you chose. Refer to this website that highlights *91 Ways to Respond to Literature for product ideas*:
<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/freshenglish/bookreportideas.html>

Due the first day of school!

Homer, *The Iliad*
Ovid, *Metamorphoses*
Dante, *The Inferno*
Edith Hamilton, *Mythology*
Shakespeare, *The Tempest*, *Julius Caesar*, etc.
Swift, *Gulliver's Travels*
Frances Hodgson Burnett, *The Secret Garden*
Poetry by Blake, Keats, Shelley, Coleridge, Wordsworth, Tennyson, Christina Rosetti
Any work by Jane Austin, Mary Shelley, Emily Bronte, Charlotte Bronte, Charles Dickens,
Joseph Conrad, Somerset Maugham, Evelyn Waugh, or Virginia Woolf
Earnest Hemingway, *A Farewell To Arms*, his Africa stories, etc.
John Steinbeck, *Travels With Charlie*, etc.
Patrick O'Brian, *Master and Commander*, *The Far Side of the World*
Albert Camus, *The Stranger*
Julia Alvarez, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* or other works by Alvarez
Any book by Isabel Allende, especially her books for youth
Poetry by Pablo Neruda
Julia Butterfly Hill, *The Legacy of Luna*
Edward Abbey, *Desert Solitaire*
Carl Hiassen, *Hoot*, etc.
Patrick Smith, *A Land Remembered*
Lucy and Steven Hawking, *George's Cosmic Treasure Hunt*
Helene Cooper, *The House at Sugar Beach*
Any work by Edgar Allen Poe, H.P. Lovecraft, H.G. Ballard, or Ray Bradbury

For more book ideas, see the website: “100 fiction books all children should read before leaving secondary school – according to teachers” <https://www.tes.com/news/100-fiction-books-all-children-should-read-leaving-secondary-school-according-teachers>

Additional reading material suggestions, sources, and ideas

[Thriller Books for Teens \(commonsensemedia.org\)](https://commonsensemedia.org)

[The 30 Best Biographies of All Time | Reedsy Discovery](#)
[Best Biographies \(1235 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)

[The Best Science Fiction Books of All Time \(forbes.com\)](#)

[Best Books of All Time | List of Greatest Fiction Novels Ever Written \(ranker.com\)](#)

[Best Nonfiction 2020 — Goodreads Choice Awards](#)

Fiction books = made up or loosely based on fact

Nonfiction = based on true facts

Most liked Authors of All-time

[Best Writers of All Time | List of the Greatest Writer in History \(ranker.com\)](#)

[Which Books Do Famous Authors Read and Recommend Most? < Literary Hub \(lithub.com\)](#)