



# The Woodlands College Park High School

Conroe Independent School District

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## 2022-23 Summer Reading Informational Letter English Department

In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners.

*"What we know is that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development while kids who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency..."*

*- Richard Allington, professor of literacy studies and past-president of the International Reading Association and the Literacy Research Association*

The Woodlands College Park believes in the power of reading for all students. In order to maintain reading skills and continue to grow a reading life, we encourage all students to continue reading over the summer.

### **Recommended Summer Reading for English I-IV Level and Honors Courses:**

**English I (Level and Honors)** -- English I teachers recommend incoming students choose a grade appropriate, young adult fictional novel to read. While reading, monitor the overall plot, how the character changes through the course of the novel, major conflicts that the character faces, and how those conflicts shape the overall themes. We will begin next year by reviewing elements of fiction and your novel can help reinforce those elements.

**English II (Level and Honors)** -- English II teachers recommend students choose a grade appropriate, historical fiction novel of their choice to read. In order to help guide your understanding, please pay close attention to how characterization and/or conflict connect to theme. We will begin next year with a historical fiction novel and the suggested summer reading genre will be a great transition to this unit of study.

**English III (Level and Honors)** -- English III teachers recommend students choose a grade appropriate, historical fiction novel of their choice to read. As you read, pay particular attention to how characterization, setting, and conflict create theme. We will begin next year with a historical fiction novel and the suggested summer reading genre will be a great transition to this unit of study.

**English IV Level** -- English IV teachers recommend students select a grade appropriate memoir to read. As you read, pay attention to the connections between the author's use of literary and rhetorical devices and how these choices support an overall purpose. We will begin next year with our Real World Writing/College Essay unit and the suggested summer reading genre will be a great transition into this unit of study.

### **Required Summer Reading for Dual Credit and Advanced Placement Courses:**

Students who enroll in a **Dual Credit or Advanced Placement English course** are **required and expected** to complete summer reading as it creates an initial common framework for classroom discussion and instruction. Students enrolled in the following college-level courses must complete the required summer reading assignment found within the each of the links below:

- [Dual Credit English 1301-1302 \(for both juniors and seniors\)](#)
- [Dual Credit English 2332-2333 \(World Literature\)](#)
- [English III AP: Language and Composition](#)
- [English IV AP: Literature and Composition](#)

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### Apps found in the CISD SSO Portal:

- **Sora**
  - ◆ Free access to a variety of e-books and audiobooks
- **Destiny Discover**
  - ◆ Check out e-books and audiobooks from your campus library

### Other websites with free resources:

- **Montgomery County Public Library**
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