NAHS 2019 Summer Reading Program Overview

The NAHS English Department assigns required summer reading for students enrolled in our five full-year courses: Freshman English, Sophomore English, Junior Honors English, Junior Advanced Placement English, and Senior Advanced Placement English. Grade 11 and 12 semester elective courses do not have required summer reading, but we have produced a “Gr. 11 and 12 Recommended Reading List” for students in those courses who are looking for reading suggestions.

The goals of the Freshman and Sophomore Summer Reading programs are to promote reading for pleasure, to encourage students to make thematic connections between texts from various genres, and to engage in spirited discussions about the texts. To those ends, we have designed a Grade 9 Summer Reading Choice Board with texts related to the theme of “power and control,” the overarching theme of Freshman English. The overarching theme of Sophomore English is “The American Dream.” Consequently, the Grade 10 Summer Reading Choice Board contains texts related to this theme. Students in both Grade 9 and Grade 10 will complete a Summer Reading Worksheet that will ask them to summarize their four chosen texts and select and explain a direct quote related to the appropriate theme. In addition, students will select six additional quotes from one or more of the chosen texts and explain why they find each quote interesting.

The goals of the Junior Honors, Junior Advanced Placement and Senior Advanced Placement programs are more content specific. Therefore, their summer reading requirements are more intensive than the Freshman and Sophomore requirements.

Please select the appropriate link to view the summer reading expectations for your full-year English class. Although every text on the Grade 9, Grade 10 and Junior Honors Choice Boards are hyperlinks, the selections for Jr. AP and Sr. AP are not. However, many of these books are available at our local public libraries, most are available for download on Kindles, and some are available in audio formats. In addition, Annie’s Book Stop in Plainville, An Unlikely Story in Plainville, and Barnes & Noble Books in East Walpole carry most of these titles, as does Amazon.com. Happy reading!