

Lutheran High School English Department

College-Ready Summer Reading 2024

To ensure that our students are better prepared for the English program, as well as the ACT and SAT college entrance exams, we at Lutheran High School find it important that our students are well-read in literature. To help our students in these areas, we have developed the summer reading list below.

By reading these works, the student will begin to have a clearer understanding of literature. The works read will be referred to during the course of the school year. By reading the books, the student will gain a knowledge and understanding of the works, and it will aid in their preparation for the ACT and SAT tests, which are taken by all students who will enter college.

After reading the appropriate book(s) for their class, students will complete a mini-unit in class and take a test over the text(s). **The test date(s) will be determined by the individual teacher but will not occur before Tuesday, September 3rd.**

As a Christian school, we recognize that language, situations, and themes within the literature we read may not always reflect a Christian worldview. In addition, we acknowledge that, as Romans 3:23 declares, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." This includes characters in books, authors, teachers, and the students sitting in our classrooms. However, we will always conduct classroom discussions and activities in light of our Christian worldview and what God says in Scripture regarding any sensitive/controversial topic(s). While we do not always condone the actions or language of this fallen world, we seek to provide students with the tools to face and deal with these circumstances in a God-pleasing and honoring manner.

STANDARD ENGLISH COURSES

Freshmen: Intro to Literature

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

Sophomores: American Literature

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Juniors: American Literature

Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko

Juniors (special circumstances):

World Literature

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Seniors: British Literature

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

HONORS/AP ENGLISH COURSES

Freshmen: Honors Intro to Literature

Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
(with introduction by

C. Bruce Fergusson, M.A. — Please read!)
Watership Down by Richard Adams

Sophomores: Honors American Literature

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
by Jamie Ford

How to Read Literature Like a Professor
by Thomas C. Foster

(2nd edition, ISBN 978-0062301673

You may skip Chapters 16-17.)

Juniors: AP Language & Composition

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
Stiff by Mary Roach

Seniors: AP Literature & Composition

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Counting Descent by Clint Smith