

English II Pre-AP Suggested Summer Reading 2020

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Dear sophomore Pre-AP students and parents:

Every year we have asked incoming English II Pre-AP World Literature students to complete a summer reading assignment in order to prepare them intellectually for this advanced course.

However, because the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our families and our way of schooling so profoundly, we are not requiring an assignment this summer. Rather, we will provide a list of suggested books for those of you who would like to participate, in the spirit of keeping students reading and thinking while not in school.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact nikki.northcutt@austinisd.org.

Suggestions for Summer:

I. Get an Austin Public Library card if you don't already have one at <http://library.austintexas.gov/mylibrarycard>. Not only can you easily get physical and digital books, but we will use this card for research later.

II. Read! We've provided a short list below appropriate for the course, which explores world literature. However, this list is certainly not exclusive! Find a book you want to read. Challenge yourself to discover an author outside of the U.S.!

Pre AP Sophomore English Summer Reading Suggestions (or choose your own!)

Note on the titles below: Works of literature, often contain sensitive issues. Please research your choice and determine the appropriateness for your family or choose your own title.

Title/Author	Location
<i>The Kite Runner</i> / Khaled Hosseini	Afghanistan
<i>Ways of Dying</i> / Zakes Mda	South Africa
<i>Kafka on the Shore</i> / Haruki Murakami	Japan
<i>Unbowed</i> /Wangari Maathai	Kenya
<i>Like Water for Chocolate</i> / Laura Esquivel	Mexico