

## Honors English 12 Summer Reading Assignment 2023

You will choose your own book to read this summer. Your guidelines are as follows:

1. You may not choose a book you have read, or are reading, for any other class in this school.
2. Your book may be **fiction or nonfiction**.
3. **Your book must be a recognized “classic,” been a NYT bestseller, or have won an award in its category.** I am including links to awards websites, but you may also search for your own specific interests. For example, the CASEY award is for the best baseball book written in a given year. If you are interested in reading something about a particular subject—such as baseball—just run a search for award-winning books on that subject.

There truly is something that each one of you should want to read. If you like science fiction and fantasy, you might look for books that have won the Nebula Award; fans of crime fiction would enjoy Golden Dagger winners; and the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award are given for both fiction and nonfiction.

Some websites to help you:

<https://rusaupdate.org/awards/notable-books-list/>

(General fiction, nonfiction, poetry)

<https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/years/>

(General fiction, nonfiction, poetry, translations)

<https://thebookerprizes.com/the-booker-library/books>

(General fiction, published in the UK)

<https://www.bookcritics.org/awards/past/>

(General fiction, nonfiction, biography, autobiography, poetry, criticism)

<https://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-categories>

(General drama, history, fiction, biography, nonfiction, poetry)

<https://www.thehugoawards.org/hugo-history/>

(Science fiction and fantasy)

<https://nebulas.sfwawards.org/awards-by-year/>

(Science fiction and fantasy)

<https://edgarawards.com/category-list-best-novel/>

(Mystery fiction and nonfiction)

<https://sportsbookawards.com/history/previous-winners/>

(Sports books)

<https://www.baseball-almanac.com/books/bookcasey.shtml>

(Baseball books)

<https://www.nytimes.com/books/best-sellers/>

(Current books on the bestseller list)

[https://thecwa.co.uk/past-winners?past\\_winners\\_awards\[\]=gold](https://thecwa.co.uk/past-winners?past_winners_awards[]=gold)

(The Gold Dagger— for crime novels)

4. **Your choice must be adult-level, not a book that has won a children's or YA (young adult) award** (therefore, although the Newbery prize, for example, is indeed a major award, you are not allowed to read a Newbery winner for this project). **PLEASE CHECK** that your chosen work is not Young Adult (this is usually indicated on the book's cover with a "YA"). Many popular authors are YA writers. If you have any doubt, email me the title and author.
5. Please choose a book that you and your family consider appropriate.
6. Bring your book and your laptop on the first FULL day of class. You will be writing an essay responding to a prompt based on your reading.
7. If you have questions about the suitability of your book choice, email me over the summer ([kkay@jp2falcons.org](mailto:kkay@jp2falcons.org)).
8. Have a great summer!