Over the summer months, we encourage students to pursue readings from diverse sources, including newspaper and magazine articles (print or online), fiction and non-fiction texts, drama, poetry, and short stories. More specifically, we ask that students aspire to read three books from June through August.

Students should also be aware that individual academic departments will have certain and specific requirements (see below) and that they will be asked to write in response to those titles when classes begin in September.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English department expects that students in each grade will read at least one book from the following lists. They are, of course, encouraged to read others.

Students enrolled in Honors or AP classes will have an additional text to read. (See below.)

9th Grade (English I):
Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda, Becky Albertalli
The Love Letters of Abelard and Lily, Laura Creedle
Ready Player One, Ernest Cline
Brown Girl Dreaming, Jacqueline Woodson
This Boy's Life, Tobias Wolff

English I Honors students must also read:
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon

10th Grade (English II):
The Ocean at the End of the Lane, Neil Gaiman
A Lesson Before Dying, Ernest J. Gaines
Long Way Down, Jason Reynolds
The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas
The Glass Castle, Jeannette Walls

English II Honors students must also read:
Station Eleven, Emily St. John Mandel
11th Grade (English III and Expository Writing):
The Round House, Louise Erdrich
A Thousand Splendid Suns, Khaled Hosseini
A Prayer for Owen Meany, John Irving
The Opposite of Loneliness, Marina Keegan
A Hope in the Unseen, Ron Suskind
The Color Purple, Alice Walker
Salvage the Bones, Jesmyn Ward
Fences, August Wilson

11th grade AP English Language students must also read:
Assassination Vacation, Sarah Vowell

12th Grade (English IV and Expository Writing):
The Handmaid’s Tale, Margaret Atwood
My Losing Season, Pat Conroy
Middlesex, Jeffrey Eugenides
Brave New World, Aldous Huxley
The Fishermen, Chigozie Obioma
The Omnivore’s Dilemma, Michael Pollan
The Bonesetter’s Daughter, Amy Tan
Cat’s Cradle, Kurt Vonnegut
The Shadow of the Wind, Carlos Ruiz Zafón

12th grade AP English Language students must also read:
In Cold Blood, Truman Capote

AP English Literature students must also read:
Atonement, Ian McEwan

Students in Expository Writing should select a title from either
11th or 12th grade lists
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

AP Biology
Campbell Biology in Focus (contact Mrs. Doody at DoodyD@gunnery.org in The Gunnery school store to obtain the textbook)
Read and take notes on chapters 2-5 in the textbook.
Complete pages 30-47 and 69-88 in Biozone, AP Biology (2nd Ed.) in preparation for a test during the first week of classes.

AP Environmental Science
Read: Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed, Jared Diamond

AP Chemistry
****See assignment on Gunnery website entitled “AP Chem Summer 2018”***

WORLD LANGUAGES and CULTURES DEPARTMENT

Spanish IV
***See assignment on Gunnery website “Spanish IV summer 2018”***

AP Spanish Language
***See assignment on Gunnery website “AP Spanish Lang summer 2018”***

French IV
***See assignment on Gunnery website “French IV summer 2018”***

AP French Language: Read: L’étudiant étranger, Philippe Labro

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

9th Grade

World History I (including Honors level)
Read: Frederick Gunn: Confidence Between Boys and Their Teachers (1870)
*** See link on Gunnery website entitled “Frederick Gunn Confidence...***

10th Grade

Modern Global History
Read: I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban, Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai

AP World History
Read: A History of the World in 6 Glasses, Tom Standage

11th and 12th grade

U.S. History:
Read: Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, J.D. Vance
There will be an assignment to complete about the book in the fall.

AP U.S. History
Textbook: Out of Many: A History of the American People from The Gunnery School Store (Mrs. Doody at DoodyD@gunnery.org)
*** See assignment on Gunnery website “AP U.S. History Summer”***

Honors U.S. Government
Book: The Thirteen American Arguments: Enduring Debates that Define and Inspire Our Country, Howard Fineman
*** See assignment on Gunnery website entitled “Honors U.S. Gov Summer”***

AP Economics – Read the following title:
Read: Naked Economics: Undressing the Dismal Science, Charles Wheelan

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All assignments and this reading list are available on The Gunnery website - www.gunnery.org

AP textbooks that are required for summer course assignments may be obtained from the School Store. Contact Mrs. Deborah Doody, School Store Manager, (DoodyD@gunnery.org) to obtain an AP textbook for summer course work. All other textbooks will be distributed during the registration process in September.

Please contact the Academic Office (Academics@gunnery.org) or Mrs. Maggie Bucklin (BucklinM@gunnery.org or 860-350-0178) in the Academic Office if you have any questions about these readings.