

**Gloucester Catholic High School
Summer Reading Requirements (2019)**

Required summer reading books are part of the English program at Gloucester Catholic. As such, students will be discussing and writing about these books early in the school year in their English classes. In addition, they will be tested on them during the first few days of classes in September or have a project due on the first day of class. The combined scores of the tests/projects on the required books will be used as a major test grade in computing their first quarter grades. Summer reading books are carefully chosen to integrate well with the English curriculum and they offer students high interest and challenging, yet reasonable, reading level.

Reading one or more extra credit books is highly encouraged, especially for college bound students. Students who choose to read extra credit books will be tested on a pass-fail basis and will receive extra credit toward their first quarter English grade.

Incoming Freshman Summer Reading

Required

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief Rick Riordan
I'm Just Me..... MG Higgins

English 1 Honors students must read the two required books plus one extra credit selection from the choices below. They may also read any of the other Freshman Extra Credit choices for extra credit.

Extra Credit

A Separate Peace.....John Knowles
The Diary of Anne Frank..... Anne Frank
The Outsiders..... S.E. Hinton
The Pigman..... Paul Zindel

Sophomore Summer Reading

Required

Fahrenheit 451 Ray Bradbury
The Hunger Games..... Suzanne Collins

English 2 Honor must read the two required books plus Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*

Extra Credit

The Scarlet Letter Nathaniel Hawthorne
The Hunger Games Trilogy..... Suzanne Collins
The Summer of My German Soldier... B. Greene
Catcher in the Rye.....JD. Salinger
The Natural..... Bernard Malamud

Junior Summer Reading

Required *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*.....Jean-Dominique Bauby
 Angela’s Ashes..... Frank McCourt

English 3 Honor students must read the two required books plus one extra credit selection from the choices below.

Extra Credit *The Hobbit* J.R.R. Tolkien
 All Creatures Great and Small..... James Herriot
 The Importance of Being Earnest..... Oscar Wilde
 Wuthering Heights..... Emily Bronte
 Tess of the D ‘Uvervilles..... Thomas Hardy
 The Screwtape Letters..... C.S. Lewis

Junior AP Language and Composition

Must read all five (5) of the required books.

There are no extra credit books.

Required *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*.....Jean-Dominique Bauby
 Angela’s Ashes.....Frank McCourt
 Fast Food Nation.....Eric Schlosser
 A Mercy..... Toni Morrison
 Grendel.....John Gardner (due Oct 1st)

Senior Summer Reading

Required *The Color of Water*..... James McBride
 The Sunflower..... Simon Wiesenthal
 How To Read Literature Like a Professor... Thomas C. Foster

Extra Credit *Death of a Salesman*..... Arthur Miller
 Native Son.....Richard Wright
 QB VII..... Leon Uris

Senior English Honors

Required *The Color of Water*..... James McBride
 The Sunflower..... Simon Wiesenthal
 How to Read Literature like a Professor.....Thomas C. Foster
 Native Son.....Richard Wright

Senior AP English

Required *The Color of Water*.....James McBride

Choose Three out of the Five

Siddhartha..... Herman Hesse
The Things They Carried..... Tim O’Brien
The Stranger Albert Camus
The Sunflower..... Simon Wiesenthal
Johnny Got His Gun..... Dalton Trumbo