

# Summer Reading



2026



As we begin the long summer vacation, all students across the school are required to dedicate time to reading. We are confident that we all recognize the importance of reading in broadening the mind, improving spelling and vocabulary skills, and, most importantly, providing enjoyment and meaningful engagement during the time away from school.

Below is a list of required reading for all High School students, which must be completed before the first day of the new school year (2026-2027). Each student is expected to read the texts assigned for his or her specific grade level. All titles listed are mandatory.

When English classes resume next term, students will be expected to complete assignments and engage in discussions based on the books they have read.

**These books are available at the Galaxy Store here at Queen's College.**



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**GRADE 7**    "The Summer of the Swans" by Betsy Byars (Mandatory)  
"The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" by Sean Covey (Mandatory)  
"Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson (Mandatory)

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**GRADE 8**    "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry (Mandatory)  
"The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" by Sean Covey (Mandatory)  
"Call me Hope" by Gretchen Olson (Mandatory)

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**GRADE 9**    "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" by John Boyne (Mandatory)  
"The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens" by Sean Covey (Mandatory)  
"Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry" by Mildred D. Taylor (Mandatory)

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**GRADE 10** “A Separate Peace” by John Knowles (Mandatory)  
“The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens” by Sean Covey (Mandatory)  
“The Outsiders” by S.E. Hinton (Mandatory)

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**GRADE 11** “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee (Mandatory)  
“The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens” by Sean Covey (Mandatory)  
“Angela’s Ashes” by Frank McCourt (Mandatory)

*Accelerated Literature students **MUST** read one of the following:*

“An Evening in Guanima” by Patricia Ginton  
“Things Fall Apart” by Chinua Achebe  
“Pygmalion” by George Bernard Shaw  
“Dayclean” by Linda Maria Davis (an optional text, source locally)

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**GRADE 12** “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens” by Sean Covey (Mandatory)  
Students sitting B.G.C.S.E. Literature **must** read at least one of the following  
“An Evening in Guanima” by Patricia Ginton  
“Things Fall Apart” by Chinua Achebe  
“Pygmalion” by George Bernard Shaw

Students hoping to study Advanced English (AP & SAT II Lit.) **must** read at least **two** texts from:

**“Of Mice and Men” by John Steinbeck (Mandatory)**

“The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
“The Old Man and the Sea” by Ernest Hemingway  
“The Grapes of Wrath” by John Steinbeck  
“The Scarlett Letter” by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
“The Glass Menagerie” by Tennessee Williams  
“Pride and Prejudice” by Jane Austen  
“Wuthering Heights” by Emily Bronte  
“Restavec” by Jean-Robert Cadet  
“Animal Farm” by George Orwell  
“Angela’s Ashes” by Frank McCourt  
“Purple Hibiscus” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
“Lord of the Flies” by William Golding  
“Dayclean” by Linda Maria Davis (an optional text, source locally)

