



CAC English Literature

SUMMER 2021

"SUGGESTED READING" LISTS



American Literature

While there is *NO* required summer reading, the following titles connect to the course's overarching themes and reading them over the summer will positively impact and support your learning.

- *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander
- *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X

IB Standard Literature

There is *NO* required summer reading for this course however here is a small sample of books from the proposed syllabus.

- *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen
- *The Fifth Child* by Doris Lessing
- *Othello* by William Shakespeare
- Selected Poetry of Wendy Cope

IB Higher Literature

There is *ONE* required summer reading text for this course however it is suggested that you purchase a personal copy or at least familiarize yourself with the other texts that will be taught in the first semester.

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Maya Angelou***
- *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- Selection of Sonnets by John Keats

*** REQUIRED SUMMER READING

Books to Read For Fun

A Selection of the English Department's Favorite Books

1. *The Dispossessed* by Ursula LeGuin (SciFi)
2. *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls (memoir)
3. *The Weight of Water*, Anita Shreve
4. *This Side of Paradise*, F. Scott Fitzgerald
5. *The Water Dancer*, Ta-Nehisi Coates
6. *White Teeth*, Zadie Smith
7. *The Count of Monte Cristo*, Alexander Dumas