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Dear Advanced / AP Parents,

Grand Prairie ISD is pleased that your child has selected an Advanced/AP English Language Arts course for the 2023-2024 academic year. As you know, these classes are quite rigorous. Students are more likely to experience success on the AP Exam if they have deeply studied a wide variety of texts.

For this reason, GPISD has put together a suggested Summer Reading book list for students to choose from.

We suggest that students strive to:

1. Read every day
2. Choose books that they find interesting
3. Talk about the books they read

We encourage you to read and discuss selections along with your child.

Students can access the suggested books for their grade level through SORA, an eBook application that is available on their school iPads or through the district website. (<https://www.gpisd.org/Page/44926>)

The Grand Prairie Public Library also has many of the titles on our Summer Reading list available.

Please note: Reading a book from this list is not a mandatory requirement for participating in the Advanced ELA/AP course. We do, however, strongly suggest students keep their reading skills sharp by reading at least one book over the summer.

The summer reading book of choice should be something the student wants to read. The titles on the list encompass a variety of content, so it is the responsibility of the student and the parent to make an appropriate selection.

To help pick your books, you can:

- Read reviews and a synopsis at <https://www.goodreads.com/>
- Read reviews by parents and students at <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>
- Do a web search for the Scholastic summary

Not every website will have every title listed below, so ask family, friends, neighbors, or teachers for their recommendations. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your campus Dean of Instruction, Advanced Academics Specialist, or ELA Department Chairperson.

Kind regards,

Grand Prairie ISD AP Vertical Alignment Team &
Kimberly Soesbee, M.Ed., Secondary ELA Facilitator

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Estimados Padres de Estudiantes de Cursos de Nivel Avanzado,

Grand Prairie ISD se complace en informarle que su hijo(a) ha sido seleccionado(a) para participar en un curso de nivel avanzados de Artes del Lenguaje en inglés para el año académico 2023-2024. Como ustedes saben, estas clases son bastante rigurosas. Es más probable que los estudiantes tengan éxito en el examen nivel avanzado si estudian a profundidad una amplia variedad de textos.

Por esta razón, GPISD ha creado una lista sugerida de lecturas de verano para que los estudiantes elijan.

Sugerimos que los estudiantes se esfuercen por:

1. Leer todos los días
2. Seleccionar libros que sean de su interés
3. Conversen sobre los libros que leen con otras personas

Le recomendamos que lean y conversen acerca de los libros seleccionados con su hijo(a).

Los estudiantes pueden acceder a los libros sugeridos para su grado escolar a través de SORA, una aplicación de libros digitales que está disponible en los iPads o a través del sitio web del distrito. (<https://www.gpsid.org/Page/44926>)

La Biblioteca Pública de Grand Prairie también tiene muchos de los títulos incluidos en la lista de lecturas de verano disponibles.

Tenga en cuenta lo siguiente: Leer un libro de la lista no es un requisito obligatorio para participar en los cursos avanzados de ELA/AP. Sin embargo, sugerimos encarecidamente a los estudiantes que mantengan sus habilidades de lectura leyendo al menos un libro durante el verano.

Los libros que seleccione el estudiante para leer deben ser aquellos que despierten su interés. La lista de títulos abarca una variedad de contenido, por lo que es responsabilidad del estudiante y del padre hacer una selección adecuada.

Para ayudarte a elegir tus libros, puedes:

- Leer las reseñas y una sinopsis en <https://www.goodreads.com/>
- Leer las reseñas de padres y estudiantes en <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>
- Hacer una búsqueda en el sitio web de Scholastic

No todos los sitios web tendrán todos los títulos incluidos en la lista, así que pregunte a familiares, amigos, vecinos o maestros por sus recomendaciones. Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes, no dude en comunicarse con el Decano de Instrucción de su escuela, el Especialista en Cursos de Nivel Avanzado o el jefe del Departamento de ELA.

Atentamente

Equipo de Alineación Vertical de Cursos Avanzados de Grand Prairie ISD AP &
Kimberly Soesbee, M.Ed., Facilitador de Secundaria de ELA

GPISD ELA Suggested Summer Reading

GRADE 6:

1. *A Night Divided*, Jennifer A. Nielsen
 2. *Eleven*, Tom Rogers
 3. *Out of My Mind*, Sharon Draper
 4. *Projekt 1065*, Alan Gratz
 5. *The Crossover*, Alexander Kwame
 6. *Wonderstruck*, Brian Selznick
 7. *Almost Astronauts: Thirteen Women Who Dared to Dream*, Tanya Lee Stone
 8. *Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot,"* Michael O. Tunnell
 9. *Guys Read: True Stories*, Jon Scieszka
 10. *How Writers Work: Finding a Process that Works for You*, Ralph Fletcher
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GRADE 7:

1. *Faceless*, Alyssa Sheinmel
 2. *Stormbreaker* (Alex Rider series), Anthony Horowitz
 3. *Refugee*, Alan Gratz
 4. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, Brian Selznick
 5. *House Arrest*, K.A. Holt
 6. *A Year Without Mom*, Dasha Tolstikova
 7. *Grayson*, Lynne Cox
 8. *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science*, John Fleischman
 9. *Hidden Figures*, Margot Lee Shetterly
 10. *How Writers Work: Finding a Process that Works for You*, Ralph Fletcher
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GRADE 8:

1. *Boy 21*, Matthew Quick
2. *Cinder*, Marissa Meyer
3. *A Long Walk to Water*, Linda Sue Park
4. *The Call of the Wild*, Jack London
5. *All of the Above*, Shelly Pearsall
6. *Lebron James: The Rise of a Star*, David Lee Morgan
7. *The Right Stuff*, Tom Wolfe
8. *Unbroken*, Laura Hillenbrand (Young Adult Adaption)
9. *Jackie Robinson: My Own Story*, Jackie Robinson and Wendell Smith
10. *How Writers Work: Finding a Process that Works for You*, Ralph Fletcher

GPISD ELA Suggested Summer Reading

ENGLISH I

1. *Piecing Me Together*, Renee Watson
 2. *Animal Farm*, George Orwell
 3. *Awaken*, Katie Kacvinsky
 4. *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Robert Louis Stevenson
 5. *Emily of New Moon*, L.M. Montgomery
 6. *Complications*, Atul Gawande
 7. *Shoe Dog*, Phil Knight
 8. *Endurance*, Scott Kelly
 9. *We Beat the Street*, Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, and Sharon Draper
 10. *Becoming*, Michelle Obama
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ENGLISH II

1. *And Then There Were None*, Agatha Christie
 2. *Long Way Down*, Jason Reynolds
 3. *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, Lisa See
 4. *With the Fire on High*, Elizabeth Acevedo
 5. *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr
 6. *Code Talker*, Joseph Bruchac
 7. *Dreams from my Father*, Barack Obama
 8. *Lost Boy, Lost Girl: Escaping Civil War in Sudan*, John Bul Dau
 9. *The Protector: A Woman's Journey from Secret Service...*, Mary Beth Wilkas Janke
 10. *Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers*, Lucinda Dyer
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GPISD ELA Suggested Summer Reading

AP Literature:

1. *How to Read a Poem: Based on the Billy Collins Poem "Introduction to Poetry"* by Tania Runyon
 2. *Never Let Me Go*, Kazuo Ishiguro
 3. *Station 11*, Emily St. John Mandel
 4. *We*, Yevgeny Zamyatin
 5. *The Bonesetter's Daughter*, Amy Tan
 6. *Hero with a Thousand Faces* by Joseph Campbell
 7. *A Separate Peace*, John Knowles
 8. *Things Fall Apart*, Chinua Achebe
 9. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
 10. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
 11. *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller
 12. *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
 13. *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
 14. *Don Quixote*, Miguel de Cervantes
 15. *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen
 16. *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain
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AP Language:

1. *Thank You for Arguing (3rd Edition) Chapters 1-13*, Jay Heinrichs
2. *How to Argue with a Cat*, Jay Heinrichs
3. *On Writing Well: The Classic Guide to Writing Nonfiction Chapters 1-19 / Chapter 23*, by William Zinsser
4. *A Room of One's Own* by Virginia Woolf
5. *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*, Anne Lamott
6. *Black Dove: Mamá, Mi'jo, and Me* by Ana Castillo
7. *Imaginary Homelands* by Salman Rushdie (collection of essays)
8. *Life and Death in Shanghai* by Nien Chang
9. *The Glass Castle*, Jeanette Walls
10. *The Labyrinth of Solitude* by Octavio Paz
11. *Three Cups of Tea* by G. Mortenson, D. Oliver Relin