

2026 English 12 Summer Assignment

- Students should all **read at least 1 English language book for joy this summer** and be prepared to give a formal book talk about it in front of their classmates and teacher in the first week back to school. Specific presentation requirements will be provided on the first day back to classes.
- As students read, they should note words that are new or unfamiliar to them in a notebook or on a sticky note/bookmark. **Each student should come to class with at least 10 vocabulary words on the first day of school.** (Just a list of words is fine, they do NOT need to have these words defined or memorized.)
- The books must be written in or translated to English at or above a 9th-grade reading level.
- The books must be ones that the student has not read or been assigned to read in the past. The following are examples of books that **cannot** be read for this summer assignment:
 - *The Outsiders*
 - *Just Mercy*
 - *Animal Farm*
 - *I Am Malala*
 - *All Quiet on the Western Front*
 - *A Farewell to Arms*
 - *One of Us*
 - *Slaughterhouse-Five*
 - *The Things They Carried*
 - *The Yellow Birds*
 - Anything from a class Book Club reading
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