

Advanced English 9 Summer Reading

The following information is for AJHS students who will be ninth graders for the 2020-21 school year.

In Advanced English 9, we will study literature and look for connections among multiple texts. Therefore, for your summer reading options, we have provided you with a diverse selection of books written by renowned authors.

The books are divided into two categories: classics and contemporary. **You will read two books.** Choose ONE from the “Classics” category and ONE from the “Contemporary” category.

You will take a multiple choice test over the two books on the first day you have class with your English teacher. The test, which is a 100 point assessment grade, is designed to assess both comprehension and completion of the assignment. If you read the books early, be sure to review them before taking the test. Students are encouraged to take notes about important characters, places, and events.

If you bring a 3x5 note card *with your own handwritten notes* to class on the first day you have English class, you may use it on the test. Follow the following guidelines carefully. You will turn in your note card on the first day of school.

- Ideally, each side of the card is used for one of the books. (Write notes for the classic text on one side and notes for the contemporary text on the other.)
- Your name must be on your card.
- The title of each book you read must be on the card.

CLASSICS	CONTEMPORARY
Choose one book from this category.	Choose one book from this category.
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury <i>Anthem</i> by Ayn Rand <i>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson <i>The Time Machine</i> by H.G. Wells	<i>Children of Blood and Bone</i> by Tomi Adeyemi <i>Girl in the Blue Coat</i> by Monica Hesse <i>Bruiser</i> by Neal Shusterman <i>Dear Martin</i> by Nic Stone <i>Goodbye Days</i> by Jeff Zentner

Need guidance choosing your books? Check out the Advanced English 9 Summer Reading Keynote presentation made available on Schoology and the AJHS website. There you will find plot summaries and Lexile levels for each book. Lexile levels let a reader know what the comprehension difficulty is based on grade levels. The higher the Lexile level, the more difficult the text will be to comprehend.

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