

**BVHS Honors English Language Arts 9  
Summer Reading Assignment 2024**

Dear Class of 2028,

Welcome to high school! We are excited that you have chosen to be part of our Pre-AP (Advanced Placement) program.

Over the summer, it is important to keep reading, writing, and thinking critically in preparation for the upcoming school year. According to the American Library Association, students who read over the summer are more likely to build lifelong reading habits and keep up their basic reading skills. Additionally, summer reading can generate interest in libraries, books, and reading in general. We encourage you to read *something* over the summer, from Shakespeare to a graphic novel—anything will do! This will help you prepare for your upcoming entry into the honors program.

Attached you will find the summer assignment. **All students registered for HELA 9 will need to come prepared with their book and assignment by August 30th. Please see below for the full assignment details.**

Please contact Mrs. Davis if you are having any trouble accessing a book to read. We look forward to meeting you, and we hope you have a safe and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

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# HELA 9 SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

## Blue Valley High School

### **Directions:**

1. Pick one book (fiction or nonfiction) to bring with you to class by August 30th. It must be an age appropriate book in both content and reading level. This should be something you WANT to read!
2. Conduct some pre-reading research. Write on paper: ONE paragraph about why you chose the book and ONE paragraph about some basic information about the author. Remember that this short biography should be in your own words—not copied and pasted (aka plagiarized).

Note: Choose a book you have not read before and please read online summaries of your choice book before obtaining it, so that you and your family are aware of its content.

If you need help thinking of recommendations, try making an account on the website GoodReads, which will give you ideas based on your interests.

**You may check out your book from a local library or you may purchase it from a bookstore or online, but it must be a handheld book. If you are having difficulty obtaining a book, please contact Mrs. Davis at [LADavis@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:LADavis@bluevalleyk12.org)!**

***We will read these books in class during first quarter. Do NOT read the book over the summer; just choose a book, write the paragraphs by 8/30, and come in ready to begin reading. Remember, this is the first assignment of an honors-level course, so we expect that your paragraphs, although brief, will be a reflection of effort and depth of thought!***

Book Guidelines: This should be something you are interested in reading and is appropriate both in content and reading level. It can be from any genre: fiction, non-fiction, graphic novel- the world is your oyster!

See below for some book ideas to get you started!

BVH Teacher & Librarian Book Suggestions (these are books we love and recommend, and this list can be a good starting place if you do not already have a book in mind):

Graphic Novels:	Coming of Age Stories/YA Novels:	Romance:	Dystopian:
<p><i>Persepolis</i> by Marijane Satrapi</p> <hr/> <p><i>Almost American Girl</i> by Robin Ha</p> <hr/> <p><i>They Called Us Enemy</i> by George Takei</p> <hr/> <p><i>American Born Chinese</i> by Gene Yang</p>	<p><i>I am Malala</i> by Malala Yousafzei</p> <hr/> <p><i>Everything Sad is Untrue</i> by Daniela Nayeri</p> <hr/> <p><i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak</p> <hr/> <p><i>In the Wild Light</i> by Jeff Zentner</p> <hr/> <p><i>Far from the Tree</i> by Robin Benway</p> <hr/> <p><i>I'm Glad My Mom Died</i> by Jeanette McCurdy</p> <hr/> <p><i>Challenger Deep</i> by Neal Shusterman</p> <hr/> <p><i>Internment</i> by Samira Ahmed</p> <hr/> <p><i>The Hate U Give</i> by Angie Thomas *BVSD-approved 9th grade title</p> <hr/> <p><i>The Poet X</i> by Elizabeth Acevedo *BVSD-approved 9th grade title</p>	<p><i>The Sun is Also a Star</i> by Nicola Yoon</p> <hr/> <p><i>If He Had Been with Me</i> by Laura Nowlin</p> <hr/> <p><i>To All the Boys I've Loved Before</i> by Jenny Han</p> <hr/> <p><i>Matched</i> by Ally Condi <i>Five Feet Apart</i> by Rachel Lippincott</p> <hr/> <p><i>A Very Large Expanse of the Sea</i> by Tahereh Mafi</p>	<p><i>Scythe</i> by Neal Shusterman</p> <hr/> <p><i>I Am Number 4</i> by Pittacus Lore</p> <hr/> <p><i>War Cross</i> by Marie Lu <i>Shatter Me</i> by Tahereh Mafi</p>

Mystery/Thriller:	Sports:	Fantasy/Sci-Fi:	Action/Adventure:
<p><i>One of Us is Lying</i> by Karen McManus</p> <hr/> <p><i>You'll be the Death of Me</i> by Karen McManus</p> <hr/> <p><i>Two Can Keep a Secret</i> by Karen McManus</p> <hr/> <p><i>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</i> by Holly Jackson</p> <hr/> <p><i>The Inheritance Games</i> by Jennifer Lynn Barnes</p> <hr/> <p><i>The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die</i> by April Henry</p> <hr/> <p><i>Firekeeper's Daughter</i> by Angeline Boulley</p>	<p><i>Game Changer</i> by Neal Shusterman</p> <hr/> <p><i>Gym Candy</i> by Carl Deuker</p>	<p><i>Three Dark Crowns</i> by Kendare Blake</p> <hr/> <p><i>Legendborn</i> by Tracy Deonn</p> <hr/> <p><i>The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes</i> by Suzanne Collins</p> <hr/> <p><i>Red Queen</i> by Victoria Aveyard</p> <hr/> <p><i>The Song of Achilles</i> by Madeline Miller</p> <hr/> <p><i>Six of Crows</i> by Leigh Baquduga</p>	<p><i>Dry</i> by Neal Shusterman</p> <hr/> <p><i>Fable</i> by Adrienne Young</p>
Classics:	Historical fiction:		
<p><i>Pride and Prejudice</i> by Jane Austen</p> <hr/> <p><i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel</p> <p><i>Little Women</i> by Louisa May Alcott</p> <hr/> <p><i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee</p>	<p><i>Salt to the Sea</i> by Ruta Sepetys</p> <hr/> <p><i>All The Light We Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr</p>		