

2018-2019 Honors 12th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to Senior Year!

As an Honors English 12 student, you should choose **one** of the following books to read during the summer.

When school starts in August, you should be prepared to participate in group discussion and literature circles with your classmates that culminate in a group presentation.

To assist you with these assignments, you should annotate your copy of the novel as you read.

Title	Author	Commentary
<i>1984</i>	George Orwell	This futuristic novel explores the possibilities that could occur if the government has total control over people, including their thoughts. Big Brother is watching you!
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Jane Austen	Mrs. Bennett tries to find proper British husbands for her FIVE unmarried daughters. Will pride and/or prejudice get in the way of the girls accepting appropriate suitors?
<i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i>	Ursula K. Le Guin	When he saves a village from destruction, a boy discovers that he is a wizard. Like any wizard, he needs training. Who will help him?
<i>Timeline</i>	Michael Crichton	<i>Timeline</i> , by Michael Crichton, is a historical science fiction novel filled with suspense in which the characters travel back to the Middle Ages, a time of castles, knights and damsels in distress, and war.
<i>The Bonesetter's Daughter</i>	Amy Tan	The clash between a Chinese mother and her American-born daughter softens when the mother begins to suffer from a mind-deteriorating disease. The daughter must seek out her Chinese heritage to help her mother preserve her memory.
<i>The Glass Castle</i> *Non-Fiction	Jeannette Walls	This non-fiction memoir recounts Walls' and her siblings' unconventional, poverty-stricken upbringing at the hands of their deeply dysfunctional parents. The story culminates in her success as an editor, journalist, and writer.