



Manhasset Public Schools

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Dear Members of the Manhasset School Community:

Each year we distribute a summer reading list for students entering grades 7-12 in the Manhasset Public Schools. For 2021, to continue aligning summer reading with expectations of the New York State Next Generation Learning Standards and Manhasset's *Standard of Excellence*, the English department indicates, by course level, title(s) that will be taught or referenced in each English course next year. We call these titles "prerequisite" books; students are expected to read, prior to the start of school in September, the prerequisite literature indicated for the English course in which they will be enrolled. This reading will give your child an advantage in English insofar as these titles will frame the instructional themes of the class or will be taught directly during the school year.

As a reminder, summer reading will not be assessed in the form of a test or essay within the first few days of school but will be integrated into the classroom curriculum during the first marking quarter. Rather, we suggest students read as much as possible, with a particular emphasis on the boldfaced titles which will be referenced or taught in English courses.

We also strongly urge students to develop their own leisure summer reading list. To this end, you will find the names of reputable websites on the suggested reading page that will allow youngsters to select from among hundreds of suggested titles. In addition, both the Social Studies and Science departments indicate timely and topical subject-specific titles on the suggested reading list. A separate letter in this mailing directs parents and students to required Social Studies department readings for specific courses in 2021-22.

Students may purchase any titles from local bookstores, obtain them from the Manhasset Public Library, or borrow prerequisite titles from the English department. ***Purchasing titles is strongly encouraged when possible, as it allows for greater interactive reading and note-taking in the text, both over the summer and at the start of the school year.***

Students wishing to borrow a copy of boldfaced, prerequisite titles may request a copy by completing this [Google form](#) by June 14. We will contact you to arrange pick up of the selected texts. Borrowed copies must be returned in September or, in the event of loss, paid for by the student.

Sincerely,

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Grade 7 to Grade 12 Summer Reading List – 2021

Grade	Course	Prerequisite Titles
7	All Classes	<p>Please see our grade 7 link for grade-specific information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> by L. Frank Baum • <i>That Was Then, This is Now</i> by S.E. Hinton
8	All Classes	<p>Choose TWO from the list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Obsessed: A Memoir of My Life with OCD</i> by Allison Britz • <i>Life in a Jar</i> by Jack Mayer • <i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> by William Kamkwamba • <i>Salt to the Sea</i> by Ruta Sepetys • <i>I Am Malala</i> by Malala Yousafzai
9	Regents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> by Sue Monk Kidd • <i>The Alchemist</i> by Paulo Coelho
9	Honors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>*Beowulf</i>, translation by Seamus Heaney • <i>Grendel</i> by John Gardner <p><i>*NOTE: Students must read Beowulf first, then Grendel.</i></p>
10	Regents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History</i> by Art Spiegelman • <i>Something Wicked This Way Comes: A Novel</i> by Ray Bradbury
10	Honors	<p><i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee</p> <p>"The Bridge Builder" by Will Allen Dromgoole https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/52702/the-bridge-builder</p>

		<p>“We Wear the Mask” by Paul Laurence Dunbar https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44203/we-wear-the-mask</p> <p>“Sympathy” by Paul Laurence Dunbar https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46459/sympathy-56d22658afbc0</p> <p>“My Papa’s Waltz” by Theodore Roethke https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43330/my-papas-waltz</p> <p>“Try to Praise the Mutilated World” by Adam Zagajewski https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/57095/try-to-praise-the-mutilated-world-56d23a3f28187</p>
11	Regents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald • <i>Lost in Yonkers</i> by Neil Simon
11	Advanced Placement English Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> by Jane Austen • <i>Othello</i> by William Shakespeare
12	Senior English Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Complications: A Surgeon’s Notes on an Imperfect Science</i> by Atul Gawande • <i>Educated: A Memoir</i> by Tara Westover
12	Advanced Placement English Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Stranger</i> by Albert Camus • <i>The Metamorphosis</i> by Franz Kafka

Suggested Reading Websites for Literature

Middle School Suggested Summer Reading Websites for Literature:

- <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>
- <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/bookawards/booklists/members>
- <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/best-fiction-young-adults>
- <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction-award>

High School Suggested Summer Reading Websites for Literature

- <http://www.ala.org/tools/libfactsheets/alalibraryfactsheet23>
- <https://www.thoughtco.com/top-books-for-high-school-seniors-740078>

To learn more about titles prior to reading, parents and students may go to www.manhassetlibrary.org, the Manhasset Public Library website, and follow the information provided for a description or review.

Science Related Titles for



Suggested Reading

- Ariely, Dan. *Predictably Irrational*
- Bodanis, David. *E=mc²: A History of the World's Most Famous Equation*
- Bryson, Bill. *A Short History of Nearly Everything*.
- Burke, James. *Connections*
- Dawkins, Richard. *The Selfish Gene*
- De Kruif, Paul. *Microbe Hunters*
- Feynman, Richard. *The Meaning of it All: Thoughts of a Citizen-Scientist*
- Gould, Stephen Jay. *The Mismeasure of Man*
- Hakim, Joy. *The Story of Science: Aristotle Leads the Way*
- Harari, Yuval Noah. *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*
- Johnson, Steven. *The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic—and How it Changed Science, Cities and the Modern World*
- Kandel, Dr. Eric. *In Search of Memory: The Emergence of a New Science of the Mind*
- Kean, Sam. *The Disappearing Spoon*
- Pfeffer, Susan Beth. *Life As We Knew It*
- Pollan, Michael. *The Omnivore's Dilemma*
- Preston, Richard. *The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story*
- Sacks, Oliver. *The River of Consciousness*
- Skloot, Rebecca. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
- Watson, James. *The Double Helix: A Personal Account of the Discovery of the Structure of DNA*





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Social Studies Department: Required Summer Reading and Assignments 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The Social Studies department requires summer reading as a part of course curriculum for most of our Advanced Placement courses. We believe these readings and assignments introduce students to the level of reading they will encounter during the school year and prepare students for success in these rigorous classes.

The following courses have Summer Reading and related assignments:

- Social Studies 9 Advanced (grade 9)
- AP World History: Modern (grade 10)
- AP United States History (grade 11)
- AP Economics (grade 12)
- AP US Government & Politics (grade 12)

Students who are enrolled in the above courses for the 2021-22 school year are required to complete the summer work. All summer assignments and related detailed information will be available on the Manhasset School District website at the following direct link:

<http://www.manhassetsschools.org/domain/103>

Click on “Summer Reading and Assignments” on the left side of the page to access the assignment for each course and other related material.

In September, students will be assessed on required reading in their Social Studies class and/or will be required to submit their written assignment. The assignments will take the form of a writing task in which students reference their knowledge and understanding of the required material. Students will be able to ask teachers about required books and the assignment prior to submission due date.

If you have any questions about Social Studies summer reading please contact me at 267-7576 or via email at margaret_ronai@manhassetsschools.org. Prior to July 1, 2021 contact Mrs. Steindam at mara_steindam@manhassetsschools.org

We encourage our students to continue developing the habits of good readers and to include reading as a part of their academic and leisure activities. Thanks to our parents for support of the summer reading program.

Sincerely,

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Social Studies Related Titles for Suggested Reading

These books are not required, but students may find these titles interesting for further study.

Grade 8

- Hersey, John. *Hiroshima*
- Marrin, Albert. *The Great Adventure: Theodore Roosevelt and the Rise of Modern America*,

Grade 9:

- Weatherford, Jack. *The Secret History of the Mongol Queens: How the Daughters of Genghis Khan Rescued His Empire*

Grade 10

- Harden, Blaine. *Escape from Camp 14*
- Lipiner, Lucy. *Long Journey Home: A Young Girl's Memoir of Surviving the Holocaust*

Grade 11

- McCullough, David. *1776*
- Pattillo Beals, Melba. *Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High*

Grade 12

- Friedman, Thomas. *The World Is Flat*
- Levitt, Steven, & Dubner, Stephen. *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything*

