

St. Augustine High School Summer Reading Assignments

Directions: Find your course(s) below and complete the necessary readings and/or assignments. For questions about a specific reading or assignment, contact that specific course instructor.

English I Honors (9th Grade)

Read *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah

For questions over the summer, please contact:

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AICE English Language AS Level Summer Reading (9th Grade)

Educated by Tara Westover

Students should fill out [this data sheet](#) for the book during and after reading.

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English II Honors (10th Grade)

Read *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

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AICE English Language A Level Summer Reading (10th Grade)

Students will read *The Mother Tongue* By Bill Bryson and type up an academic book review. (600-900 words)

*To see an example of an academic book review, click [here](#).

If you have any questions over the summer, please contact:

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AICE General Paper Summer Reading (11th Grade Honors)

Read *Kindred* by Octavia Butler. Then, use your understanding of the novel to answer the following 3 questions. Each answer should be around 150 words.

1. Both Kevin and Dana know that they can't change history: "We're in the middle of history. We surely can't change it." (page 100); and "It's over.... There's nothing you can do to change any of it now." (page 264). Why must you, the reader, experience this journey with Dana? As a member of the human race, must we experience different cultures in order to understand and accept them?
2. How do you think Butler confronts us with issues of difference in *Kindred*? How does she challenge us to consider boundaries of black/white, master/slave, husband/wife, past/present? What other differences does she convolute? Do you think such dichotomies are flexible? Artificial? Useful?
3. "The ease. Us, the children.... I never realized how easily people could be trained to accept slavery." This is said by Dana to Kevin when they have returned to the present and are discussing their experience in the antebellum South. To what extent, if any, do you believe racial oppression exists today?

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AICE English Literature AS Level Summer Reading (11th Grade AICE)

The summer reading novel assigned this summer is absolutely vital to your success in this course. This is not something we are going to throw away after the first day of school. This novel will be a topic of discussion throughout the entire class and part of the end of year AICE exam. You are expected to complete both of these assignments and have them ready the first day of class. There will be an objective summative assessment and an essay on the novel within the first few weeks of class. Please read the following novel and complete the following two assignments.

- **Read the following novel:**

Small Island by Andrea Levy

- **2 Part Assignment:**

- I. Read *Small Island* and complete the data sheet as a Microsoft Word document. Do not plagiarize (copy and paste from the internet). This is due on August 10th, 2020.
- II. Read *Small Island* and annotate the novel as follows. You will be turning in your book the first week of class for a grade on your annotations. If you are unable to purchase the book and cannot write in

it as a result, you may use Post-It notes to fulfill this requirement. Your annotations will be graded based on completion and insightfulness. You should have annotations on every page of the novel.

What is an annotation?

As you read, you are to underline, circle, and draw arrows connecting words and phrases, or whatever it takes to remind you later of your impressions. These annotations should include notes to yourself in the margins—

- asking questions – anything you don't understand or wonder about the book
- making observations
- defining new vocabulary words
- identifying literary elements and explaining the significance
- noting allusions

If you have any questions over the summer, please contact:

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AICE English Language AS Level Summer Reading (12th Grade Honors)

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

Students should fill out [this data sheet](#) for the book during and after reading.

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AICE English Literature A Level Summer Reading and Assignment (12th Grade AICE)

Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy (Barnes and Noble Classic Edition)

1. Read the novel and complete Data Sheet in MS Word. It will be submitted to Turnitin.com during the first week of school.
2. Take the scholarly article given to you (and will be available on the SAHS website). Read the article and write an 800-1000 word reaction, discussing your informed opinion of it. Do you agree / disagree with the author's take on *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*? Support your arguments with evidence from text of the article as well as text from the novel. MLA format required. This assignment will also be submitted to Turnitin.com during the first day of school.

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