

Taipei American School Upper School English Department Summer Reading Texts & Semester Texts 2021-2022

Writers of classical antiquity understood the unique quality of art, its capacity to delight and instruct. The hearers of tales, the audiences in the theaters, and, centuries later, the readers of books – all immersed in story – emerged transformed from their experience with literature. The Taipei American School English Department follows this venerable tradition and hopes our students, too, will be enriched by and find pleasure and knowledge in the books they read. The titles listed for each grade (see below) have been selected for that purpose. All students will also read one school-selected “community” book.

Community Book (Required Text): American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang ISBN 9781250811899. A Kindle edition is available for this book. Teachers, students, and administrators alike will be reading this book, and discussion of this work will extend beyond the English classroom. **This book will be incorporated into Advisory activities. Students should anticipate that in August, at the beginning of school, teachers will give an evaluated in-class essay test about the course-specific books required for summer reading.**

ALL STUDENTS:

Students must purchase their books, including the book selected for community reading. **Please make sure to purchase the specific edition listed of each text.** All books should be obtained as soon as possible, ideally by the beginning of the school year. Students should allot the appropriate amount of time for a book shipment to arrive and should not rely on last minute purchases at local bookstores, which may or may not have enough copies of a particular book. **Where indicated on this list, Kindle copies of the selected texts may be purchased in place of paperback copies; however, students are not permitted to use e-texts on their laptops, tablets, or phones in the classroom.**

NEW STUDENTS:

Please select two texts from your grade level and what you anticipate your course will be. For instance, if you are entering grade 11 and expect to enroll in the IB program but you are not sure if you will take IBSL or IBHL, choose the one that is most likely. Teachers will be flexible when they give their in-class assessments. It is possible that some students will not know their final placement in English classes until school begins in August. When classes begin, your teachers will, if necessary, make arrangements for assessment of the summer texts you read. **We encourage parents of these students to buy any available edition of summer reading books so students can read and be prepared.** They will still need to purchase the correct edition of semester texts.

STUDENTS with TWO ENGLISH COURSES:

Students who have two English classes must read both texts for one course of their choice, with the exception of students taking Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, who must read the summer texts for these courses. They may, of course, read four books--the two works for both classes.

Kindle: An assigned book may be purchased and read via Kindle only if so indicated; students are not permitted to use e-texts on their laptops, tablets, or phones in the classroom.

ENGLISH 9

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Alchemist	Paulo Coelho	Harper	978-0062315007	Yes
Patron Saints of Nothing	Randy Ribay	Penguin	978-0525554929	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Sadlier Vocabulary Workshop LEVEL D	Jerome Shostak	Enriched (2012)	978-0821580592	No
Refugee	Alan Gratz	Scholastic	978-1407184326	Yes
Hiroshima	John Hersey	Vintage	978-0679721031	Yes
Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	Folger	978-0671722852	Yes
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card	Tor	978-0812550702	Yes
Poetry Course Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No

HONORS ENGLISH 9

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
First They Killed My Father	Loung Ung	Harper	978-0060856267	Yes
These Violent Delights	Chloe Gong	Margaret K. McElderry Books	978-1534457690	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Non-fiction Essays	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Odyssey	Homer, Trans. Wilson	W.W. Norton & Company	978-0393356250	No
Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	Folger	978-0671722852	No
Retellings	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Poetry	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
The House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros	Vintage	978-0679734772	No

ENGLISH 10

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
We Should All Be Feminists	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Anchor Books	978-1101911761	Yes
Kindred	Octavia Butler	Beacon Press	978-0807083697	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Animal Farm	George Orwell	NAL; Reprint edition	978-0452284241	Yes
Gothic Short Stories	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
The Oedipus Cycle	Sophocles	Mariner Books; One edition	978-0156027649	Yes
Poetry	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Macbeth	William Shakespeare	Simon & Schuster	978-0743477109	Yes
Non-fiction	Various	Provided by teacher		

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
On Tyranny	Timothy Snyder	Crown	978-0804190114	Yes
Parable of the Sower	Octavia E. Butler	Grand Central Publishing	978-1538732182	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Short Prose Selections	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
1984	George Orwell	Signet Classics	978-0451524935	No
Othello	William Shakespeare	Simon & Schuster	978-0743477550	No
The Reluctant Fundamentalist	Mohsin Hamid	Harvest Books	978-0156034029	Yes
Poetry	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Killers of the Flower Moon	David Grann	Vintage Books	978-0307742483	Yes
Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in 40 Questions	Valeria Luiselli	Coffee House Press	978-1566894951	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness (10th Anniversary Edition)	Michelle Alexander	The New Press	978-1620971932	Yes
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together	McGhee, Heather	One World	978-0525509561	Yes
Essays	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No

AMERICAN LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Illustrated Man	Ray Bradbury	Harper Collins	978-0062079978	Yes
When the Emperor Was Divine	Julie Otsuka	Anchor	978-0241963449	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Scribner	978-0743273565	Yes
Between the World and Me	Ta-Nehisi Coates	The Text Publishing	978-0812993547	Yes
Mean Spirit	Linda Hogan	Atheneum/Mcmillan Pub.	978-1501112454	No
Jim Huckleberry	Michael Otieno Molina	Michael Otieno Molina	979-8631650015	No
Moby Dick	Herman Melville	Bookcaps	978-1475052176	No
Native Guard Poems	Natasha Trethewey	Houghton-Mifflin	978-0618872657	Yes

HONORS AMERICAN LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Little Fires Everywhere	Celeste Ng	Penguin Books	978-0735224315	Yes
Station Eleven	Emily St. John Mandel	Vintage Books	978-0804172448	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Scribner	978-0743273565	Yes
When the Emperor Was Divine	Julie Otsuka	Anchor	978-0345807274	Yes
The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison	Vintage Books	978-0307278449	Yes
The Things They Carried	Tim O'Brien	Mariner Books	978-0544309760	Yes
The Truth About Stories	Thomas King	University of Minnesota Press	978-0816646272	No
Between the World and Me	Ta-Nehisi Coates	Text Publishing Co	978-0812993547	Yes

LITERATURE, JUSTICE, & LAW

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
A Lesson Before Dying	Ernest J. Gaines	Vintage	978-0375702709	YES
And Then There Were None	Agatha Christie	William Morrow Paperbacks	978-0062073488	YES
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Stranger	Albert Camus	Vintage	978-0679720201	YES
Beowulf: A New Translation	Maria Dahvana Headley	FSG; Translation edition	978-0374110031	YES
The Devil in the White City	Erik Larson	Random House	978-0375725609	YES
The Round House	Louise Erdrich	Harper Perennial	978-0062065254	YES
Course Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

WORLD LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	R.L Stevenson	Oxford	9780199536221	yes
The Travelling Cat Chronicles	Hiro Arakawa	Random House	978-0857524195	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Time Machine	H.G. Wells	Dover Thrift	978-0486284729	No
Ramayana	RK Narayan	Penguin Classics	978-0143039679	No
Daphnis and Chloe	Longus	Oxford World's Classics	978-0199554959	Yes
The Epic of Gilgamesh	N.K. Sandars	Penguin Classics	978-0140441000	Yes
Meditations	Marcus Aurelius	Penguin Classics	978-0140449334	No

HONORS WORLD LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Bestiary: A Novel	K-Ming Chang	One World	978-0593132586	No
The Travelling Cat Chronicles	Hiro Arakawa	Random House	978-0857524195	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Thérèse Raquin	Emile Zola	Oxford	978-0199536856	No
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	Penguin Classics	978-0141439471	Yes
The White Tiger	Aravind Adiga	Free Press	978-1416562603	Yes
Like Water for Chocolate	Laura Esquivel	Doubleday	978-0385420167	Yes
The Epic of Gilgamesh	N.K. Sanders	Penguin Classics	978-0140441000	Yes

IBSL ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE YEAR 1

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Please do not purchase other paper or electronic editions.

Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982	Cho Nam-Joo	Simon & Schuster Ltd	9781471184307	No
How to Read Literature Like a Professor (Revised Edition)	Thomas C. Foster	Harper Perennial	978-0062301673	No
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The World's Wife	Carol Ann Duffy	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	978-0571199952	No
The Scarlet Letter	Nathaniel Hawthorne	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Wordslut: A Feminist Guide to Taking Back the English Language	Amanda Montell	Harper Wave	978-0062868879	No
Raise the Red Lantern: Three Novellas	Su Tong	William Morrow	978-0060596330	No
Hood Feminism: Notes From the Women That a Movement Forgot	Mikki Kendall	Penguin Books	978-0525560562	No
Selected non-fiction and visual texts	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

IBSL ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE YEAR 2

It is imperative to purchase the specific edition listed of these texts due to the critical material and explanatory notes they contain which will be part of the assigned reading and thus assessments. Please do not purchase other paper or electronic editions.

Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood	Trevor Noah	One World	978-0399588198	Yes
Because Internet: Understanding the New Rules of Language	Gretchen McCulloch	Riverhead Books	978-0735210943	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Four Major Plays, Vol. I	Henrik Ibsen (trans. Rolf Fjelde)	Signet Classics	978-0451530226	No
When the Emperor Was Divine	Julie Otsuka	Anchor	978-0385721813	No
Selected non-literary texts	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No

IBHL ENGLISH LITERATURE YEAR 1

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Things They Carried	Tim O'Brien	Mariner Books	978-0544309760	Yes
The Sympathizer	Viet Thanh Nguyen	Grove Press	978-0802124944	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Medea	Euripides	Oxford University Press	978-0195145663	Yes
The World's Wife	Carol Ann Duffy	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	978-0571199952	Yes
The Taste of Apples	Huang Chunming	Columbia University Press	978-0231122610	Yes
Convenience Store Woman	Sayaka Murata	Grove Press	978-0802129628	Yes
Behind the Beautiful Forevers	Katherine Boo	Random House	978-0812979329	Yes

IBHL ENGLISH LITERATURE YEAR 2

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Memory Police	Yoko Ogawa	Vintage	978-1101911815	Yes
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together	McGhee, Heather	One World	978-0525509561	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Sula	Toni Morrison	Vintage	978-1400033430	No
The World's Wife	Carol Ann Duffy	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	978-0571199952	No
Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead: A Novel	Olga Tokarczuk	Riverhead Books	978-0525541332	No
The Merchant of Venice	William Shakespeare	Folger	978-1439191163	No
The Importance of Being Earnest	Oscar Wilde	Signet: Mass Market	9780451531896	No
The Glass Menagerie	Tennessee Williams	New Directions	978-0811214049	No

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

It is imperative to purchase the specific edition listed of these texts due to the critical material and explanatory notes they contain which will be part of the assigned reading and thus both assessments and the daily reading quizzes in this course. Please do not purchase other paper or electronic editions as reading a different edition will deprive you of essential information necessary for success in this course.

Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Heart of Darkness	Joseph Conrad	W.W. Norton	978-0393264869	No
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	W.W. Norton	978-0393264876	No
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte	Penguin	978-0141439556	No
The Importance of Being Earnest and Other Plays	Oscar Wilde	Penguin	978-0140436068	No
Mrs. Dalloway (Annotated)	Virginia Woolf	Mariner Books	978-0156030359	No
Death of a Salesman	Arthur Miller	Penguin	978-0140481341	Yes
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	Penguin	978-0385474542	Yes
The Visit	Friedrich Durrenmatt	Grove Press	978-0802144263	No
Chronicle of a Death Foretold	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	Vintage	978-1400034710	Yes
The Inheritance of Loss	Kiran Desai	Grove Press	978-082142818	Yes
Wit: A Play	Margaret Edson	Farrar, Straus, & Giroux	978-0571198771	Yes
Beginning theory	Peter Barry	Manchester University Press	978-1526121790	No
M. Butterfly	David Henry Hwang	Plume	978-0452272590	Yes
When Breath Becomes Air	Paul Kalanithi	Random House	978-0812988406	Yes

ALL JOURNALISM COURSES (REGULAR & HONORS)

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
<p>Find and watch at least one movie/tv show about journalism: Some notable examples include: "All the President's Men," "Shattered Glass," "Page One," "Capote," "Good Night and Good Luck," "Kill the Messenger," "True Story," or "Spotlight." Alternatively, you can watch episodes from the TV show "The Newsroom" if you prefer. Please choose one that you have not seen before. You can find these titles available on Amazon, Google Play, Apple iTunes, or wherever you prefer to rent movies.</p> <p>Read the teacher made digital "staff handbook and summer reading booklet" with excerpts from award-winning student newspapers and designs. (Less than 50 pages)</p>				
Required Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Elements of Journalism	Kovach, Rosenstiel	Three Rivers	978-0804136785	Yes
Associated Press Stylebook (2017-2020 editions)	Associated Press	Multiple editions allowed	978-0465093045 978-0917360671 978-0917360688 978-1541699892	No

WRITING WORKSHOP & SEMINAR 1/HONORSWRITING WORKSHOP & SEMINAR 1: No texts need to be purchased in advance

EXPOSITORY WRITING - No texts need to be purchased in advance

ART & LITERATURE / HONORS ART & LITERATURE: No texts need to be purchased in advance