

Taipei American School Upper School English Department Summer Reading Texts & Semester Texts 2023-2024

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 course (see below) have been selected for that purpose. **Students should anticipate that in August, at the beginning of school, teachers will give an evaluated in-class written assessment about the course-specific books required for summer reading.**

ALL STUDENTS:

Students must purchase their books. **Please make sure to purchase the specific edition listed of each text.** Unless otherwise noted, 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. **Books highlighted in red do not need to be purchased at this time.**

A note on Kindles: 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.

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 a college preparatory course, but you are uncertain if it will be World Literature or American Literature, 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.

ENGLISH 9

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?
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)	978-0821580097	No
Messy Roots	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No
Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	Folger	978-1451621709	Yes
Poetry Course Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
STUDENT CHOICE UNIT: When you arrive in August, your teacher will share information about each of these texts and then you will be asked to <u>CHOOSE ONE</u> to study. There also might be some changes made to these options, so <u>please DO NOT purchase any of these three books in advance of the school year</u>—your teacher will provide a deadline for purchase once the school year begins.				
Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card	Tor	Purchase in the fall	Yes
Want	Cindy Pon	Simon & Schuster	Purchase in the fall	Yes
Kindred	Octavia Butler	Beacon Press	Purchase in the fall	Yes

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HONORS ENGLISH 9

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
We Are Not Free	Traci Chee	Clarion Books	978-0358668107	Yes
First They Killed My Father	Loung Ung	Harper Perennial	978-0060856267	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Messy Roots 	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No
The Odyssey 	Homer, Trans. Wilson	The Norton Library	978-0393417937 978-0393356250	No
Poetry	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Romeo and Juliet 	William Shakespeare	Folger	978-1451621709	No
The House on Mango Street 	Sandra Cisneros	Vintage	978-0679734772	No
O Brother, Where Art Thou?	Dir. Ethan Coen & Joel Coen	Screened in class (absent students may have to purchase on their own)		No

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ENGLISH 10

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Kim Jiyoung: Born 1982	Cho Nam-Joo	Liveright	978-1631498671	Yes
Messy Roots	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Animal Farm	George Orwell	NAL; Reprint edition	978-0452284241	Yes
Short Prose/Political Cartoon Selections	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood	Marjane Satrapi	Pantheon	978-0375714573	Yes
Poetry Selections	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Macbeth	William Shakespeare	Simon & Schuster	978-0743477109	Yes
The Reluctant Fundamentalist	Mohsin Hamid	Harvest Books	978-0156034029	Yes

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Kim Jiyoung: Born 1982	Cho Nam-Joo	Liveright	978-1631498671	Yes
Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood	Marjane Satrapi	Pantheon	978-0375714573	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	Yes
Othello	William Shakespeare	Simon & Schuster	978-1501146299	Yes
Short Story Selections	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Poetry Selections	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No

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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 Gann	Vintage Books	978-0307742483	Yes
Tell Me How It Ends	Valeria Luiselli	Coffee House Press	978-1566894951	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together	Heather McGhee	One World	978-0525509585	Yes
Futureproof: 9 Rules for Humans in the Age of Automation	Kevin Roose	Random House Trade Paperbacks	978-0593133361	Yes
Social Change Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

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AMERICAN LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
<i>Moby Dick</i> (Condensed)	Herman Melville	Bookcaps	978-1475052176	No
<i>When the Emperor Was Divine</i>	Julie Otsuka	Anchor	978-0385721813	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Scribner	978-0743273565	Yes
<i>Jake Reinvented</i> 	Gordon Korman	Hyperion	978-1484798423	Yes
<i>Between the World and Me</i>	Ta-Nehisi Coates	The Text Publishing	978-0812993547	Yes
<i>There There</i> 	Tommy Orange	Vintage Books	978-0525436140	No
<i>The Illustrated Man</i>	Ray Bradbury	Harper Collins	978-0062079978	Yes
<i>Native Guard Poems</i>	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
Messy Roots	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Truth About Stories	Thomas King	U. of Minnesota Press	978-0816646272	No
The Great Gatsby 	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Scribner	978-0743273565	No
A Raisin in the Sun 	Lorraine Hansberry	Vintage	978-0679755333	No
When the Emperor Was Divine	Julie Otsuka	Anchor	978-0385721813	No
Interior Chinatown 	Charles Yu	Knopf Doubleday	978-0307948472	No
Hamilton: An American Musical	Lin-Manuel Miranda	Screened in class; lyrics provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
African-American Literature Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

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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
The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace	Jeff Hobbs	Scribner	978-1476731919	YES
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Blues for Mister Charlie: A Play	James Baldwin	Vintage	978-0679761785	YES
The Stranger	Albert Camus	Vintage	978-0679720201	YES
Beowulf: A New Translation	Maria Dahvana Headley	FSG; Translation edition	978-0374110031	YES
Firekeeper's Daughter	Angeline Boulley	Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)	978-1250766564	YES
Course Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
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Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry	Paula Yoo	Norton	Purchase in the fall	YES
Murder Among Friends	Candace Fleming	Anne Schwartz Books	Purchase in the fall	YES
The 57 Bus	Dashka Slater	Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)	Purchase in the fall	YES
Ghettoside	Jill Leovy	One World	Purchase in the fall	YES

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WORLD LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
We Have Always Lived in the Castle	Shirley Jackson	Penguin	978-0143039976	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
Tsotsi	Athol Fugard	Grove	978-0802142689	No
Iphigenia, Phaedra, Athaliah	Jean Racine	Penguin Classics	978-0140441222	Yes
Convenience Store Woman	Sayaka Murata	Grove	978-0802129628	Yes
Ramayana	R. K. Narayan	Penguin Classics	978-0143039679	Yes

HONORS WORLD LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood	Marjane Satrapi	Pantheon	978-0375714573	Yes
The Travelling Cat Chronicles	Hiro Arakawa	Random House	978-0857524195	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	Penguin Classics	978-0141439471	Yes
The White Tiger	Aravind Adiga	Free Press	978-1416562603	Yes
Chronicle of a Death Foretold	Gabriel García Márquez	Vintage	978-1400034710	Yes
Convenience Store Woman	Sayaka Murata	Grove Press	978-0802129628	Yes
The Thing Around Your Neck	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Vintage	978-0307455918	Yes
The Lion and the Jewel	Wole Soyinka	Oxford University Press	978-0199110834	No
Selected Poems	Wisława Szymborska	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

HONORS ASIAN LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Convenience Store Woman	Sayaka Murata	Grove Press	978-0802129628	Yes
Messy Roots	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Raise the Red Lantern: Three Novellas	Su Tong	William Morrow	978-0060596330	No
Pachinko	Min Jin Lee	Grand Central Publishing	978-1455563920	No
Man Tiger: A Novel	Eka Kurniawan	Verso	978-1781688595	No
Tiny Moons: A year of Eating in Shanghai	Nina Mingya Powles	The Emma Press	978-1912915347	No
Almond: A Novel	Won-pyung Sohn	HarperVia	978-0062961389	No
The Taste of Apples	Huang Chun-ming	Columbia University Press	978-0231122610	No
Short Story Reader	Various	Provided by Teacher	N/A	N/A

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IB ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (SL/HL) YEAR 1

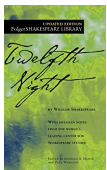
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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Circe	Madeline Miller	Back Bay Books	978-0316556323	Yes
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood	Trevor Noah	One World	978-0399588198	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The World's Wife	Carol Ann Duffy	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	978-0571199952	No
* The Bees	Carol Ann Duffy	Pan Macmillan/Picador	978-1509852925	No
Wordslut: A Feminist Guide to Taking Back the English Language	Amanda Montell	Harper Wave	978-0062868886	No
Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants	Robin Wall Kimmerer	Milkweed Editions	978-1571313560	No
The Thing Around Your Neck	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Anchor Books	978-0307455918	No
*Hood Feminism: Notes From the Women That a Movement Forgot	Mikki Kendall	Penguin Books	978-0525560562	No
Get Out: The Complete Annotated Screenplay	Jordan Peele	Inventory Press	978-1941753286	No
Messy Roots	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No

* This text is for HL students only (SL students do not need a copy).

IB ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (SL/HL) YEAR 2

You MUST purchase the specific edition listed of these texts because they contain critical material and explanatory notes 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?
Convenience Store Woman	Sayaka Murata	Grove	978-0802129628	Yes
Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen	Jose Antonio Vargas	Dey Street Books	978-0062851345	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Messy Roots	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No
Medea <i>(Should have already been purchased for Year 1. Please do not double purchase!)</i>	Euripides	Norton Critical Editions	978-0393265453	No
Raise the Red Lantern: Three Novellas	Su Tong	William Morrow	978-0060596330	No
*Twelfth Night 	William Shakespeare	Folger	978-0743482776	No

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IBHL ENGLISH LITERATURE YEAR 2

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Messy Roots	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No
All the Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr	Scribner	978-1501173219	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Wade in the Water <i>(Should have been purchased for Year 1. Please do not double purchase!)</i>	Tracy K. Smith	Graywolf Press	978-1555978365	No
Sula 	Toni Morrison	Vintage	978-1400033430	No
The Truth About Stories	Thomas King	University of Minnesota Press	978-0816646272	No
Interior Chinatown 	Charles Yu	Knopf Doubleday	978-0307948472	No
Twelfth Night 	William Shakespeare	Simon & Schuster	978-0743482776	No
Waiting for Godot 	Samuel Beckett	Grove Press	978-0802144423	No

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AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

It is imperative to purchase the specific edition listed of these texts, including summer reading 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	W.W. Norton	978-0393284997	No
The Importance of Being Earnest and Other Plays	Oscar Wilde	Penguin	978-0140436068	No
Death of a Salesman	Arthur Miller	Penguin	978-0140481341	Yes
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	Penguin	978-0385474542	Yes
The Inheritance of Loss	Kiran Desai	Grove Press	978-082142818	Yes
Beginning theory	Peter Barry	Manchester University Press	978-1526121790	No
M. Butterfly	David Henry Hwang	Plume	978-0452272590	Yes
Interior Chinatown	Charles Yu	Knopf Doubleday	978-0307948472	Yes
W;t	Margaret Edson	Faber & Faber	978-0571198771	Yes
Sweat	Lynn Nottage	TCG	978-1559365321	Yes
Messy Roots	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No

ALL JOURNALISM COURSES				
Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Find and watch at least one movie/TV show about journalism. Some notable examples include "All the President's Men," "Shattered Glass," "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.				
Required Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Please purchase the AP Stylebook Online subscription at https://store.stylebooks.com/apstylebookonline.html . The additional Webster's New World College Dictionary subscription is recommended but not mandatory. Alternatively , you can purchase the physical copy of the AP Stylebook below. If purchasing a physical copy, you MUST get one of the two editions allowed. Older editions are out of date.				
Associated Press Stylebook	Associated Press	56th Edition (2022-2024) or 55th Edition (2020-2022)	978-1541601659 978-0917360701 The previous edition is also acceptable: 978-0917360695 978-1541647572	Yes

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