

Taipei American School Upper School English Department  
**Summer Reading & Course Texts 2024-2025**

“We cannot help but be interested in the stories of people that history pushes aside so thoughtlessly”-Min Jin Lee

“The truth about stories is that that’s all we are”-Thomas King

“You don’t have anything if you don’t have stories”-Leslie Marmon Silko

Stories have existed ever since humans have had the capacity to communicate. Storytelling is an art that has long brought people together, within and across cultures and communities. The Taipei American School English Department believes in the power of stories to transform readers. Our reading lists are developed with a focus on sharing with students a diverse selection of voices and perspectives from around the world. We hope our students will be enriched by and find pleasure in the books they read. The titles listed for each course have been selected for that purpose. Please note that you will need your summer reading text in class at the start of the school year. **Students should anticipate that in August, at the beginning of school, their summer reading will either be evaluated through an in-class assessment or that the text will be integrated directly into the course curriculum.**

**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. Texts highlighted in red will be provided by the teacher and do not need to be purchased. **A note on Kindles/E-readers: An assigned book may be purchased and read via Kindle only if so indicated (under “Kindle version?”);** students are not permitted to use e-texts on their laptops, tablets, or phones in the classroom.

**NEW STUDENTS:**

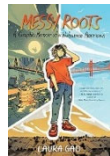

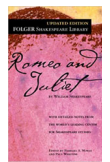
**Please select the text from your grade level in what you anticipate will be your course.** For instance, if you are entering grade 11 and expect to enroll in a college preparatory course, but you are uncertain if it will be World Literature or American Literature, choose the one that is most likely. 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 arrange assessment of the summer text you read as needed. If possible, get the correct edition of the summer reading text; however, teachers can be flexible with text editions for new students when necessary.

**STUDENTS with TWO ENGLISH COURSES:**

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

## ENGLISH 9

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Messy Roots 	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No
Course Texts	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Mythology 	Edith Hamilton	Black Dog & Leventhal; Special Edition (hardcover)	978-0316438520	No
Romeo and Juliet 	William Shakespeare	Folger	978-0743477116	No
Poetry Course Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Narrative Nonfiction Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Writing and Mechanics Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

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**ENGLISH 10**

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<b>Summer Reading Text</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
Kim Jiyoung: Born 1982	Cho Nam-Joo	Liveright	978-1631498671	No
<b>Course Texts</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
Animal Farm	George Orwell	NAL; Reprint edition	978-0452284241	No
Short Prose/Political Cartoon Selections	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
The Oedipus Cycle	Sophocles	Mariner	978-0156027649	No
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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## HONORS ENGLISH 10

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Kim Jiyoung: Born 1982	Cho Nam-Joo	Liveright	978-1631498671	No
<b>Course Texts</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
Short Prose/Political Cartoon Selections	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
1984	George Orwell	Signet Classics	978-0451524935	No
Othello	William Shakespeare	Simon & Schuster	978-0743477550	No
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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<b>Summer Reading Text</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
Hidden Figures	Margot Lee Shetterly	William Morrow Paperbacks	978-0062363602	Yes
<b>Course Texts</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
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
Essay and article selections	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

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## AMERICAN LITERATURE

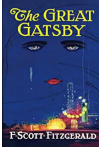
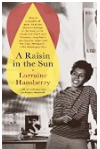
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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Little Fires Everywhere	Celeste Ng	Penguin Books	978-0735224315	No
Course Texts	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Scribner	978-0743273565	No
When the Emperor Was Divine	Julie Otsuka	Anchor	978-0385721813	No
Interior Chinatown	Charles Yu	Knopf Doubleday	978-0307948472	No
Baldwin/Morrison Essay Reader	James Baldwin Toni Morrison	Provided by the teacher	N/A	N/A
Short Story Reader	Various	Provided by the teacher	N/A	N/A
Poetry Reader	Various	Provided by the teacher	N/A	N/A

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Little Fires Everywhere	Celeste Ng	Penguin Books	978-0735224315	Yes
Course Texts	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Great Gatsby 	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Scribner	978-0743273565	No
When the Emperor Was Divine	Julie Otsuka	Anchor	978-0385721813	No
A Raisin in the Sun 	Lorraine Hansberry	Vintage	978-0679755333	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
Everything Everywhere All at Once	Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert	Screened in class; Course reader provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
African American Literature Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Marginalized Voices Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Best That We Could Do	Thi Bui	Abrams ComicArts	978-1419718786	No
Course Texts	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Almond: A Novel	Won-pyung Sohn	HarperVia	978-0062961389	No
Tiny Moons: A year of Eating in Shanghai	Nina Mingya Powles	The Emma Press	978-1912915347	No
Green Island	Shawna Yang Ryan	Vintage	978-1101872369	No
Jhumpa Lahiri Reader (stories and essays) The Namesake (film)	Jhumpa Lahiri Mira Nair	Reader provided by teacher; Film screened in class	N/A	N/A
Wawa no Cidal	Lekal Sumi, Yu-chieh Cheng	Screened in class; Course reader provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Contemporary Taiwanese short fiction Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

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<b>Summer Reading Text</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
Almond: A Novel	Won-pyung Sohn	HarperVia	978-0062961389	No
<b>Course Texts</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
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
Wawa no Cidal	Lekal Sumi, Yu-chieh Cheng	Screened in class; Course reader provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Parasite	Bong Joon-Ho	Screened in class; Course reader provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Fantasy and Science Fiction Course reader	Ken Liu	Provided by Teacher	N/A	N/A

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**WORLD LITERATURE**

**You must 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, as well as the pagination. Please do not purchase other paper or electronic editions.**

<b>Summer Reading Text</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
The Travelling Cat Chronicles	Hiro Arakawa	Random House	978-0857524195	Yes
<b>Course Texts</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
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
The Metamorphosis and Other Stories	Franz Kafka	OUP	978-0199238552	Yes

## HONORS WORLD LITERATURE

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<b>Summer Reading Text</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
The Summer Book	Tove Jansson	NRYB Classics	978-1590172681	No
<b>Course Texts</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
The White Tiger	Aravind Adiga	Free Press	978-1416562603	No
Chronicle of a Death Foretold	Gabriel García Márquez	Vintage	978-1400034710	No
Convenience Store Woman	Sayaka Murata	Grove Press	978-0802129628	No
The Thing Around Your Neck	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Vintage	978-0307455918	No
The Lion and the Jewel	Wole Soyinka	Oxford University Press	978-0199110834	No
Selected Poems	Wisława Szymborska	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

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

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<b>Summer Reading Text</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
Family Style	Thien Pham	First Second	978-1250809728	Yes
<b>Course Texts</b>	<b>Author/Writer</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Amazon ISBN-13</b>	<b>Kindle version?</b>
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
Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants	Robin Wall Kimmerer	Milkweed Editions	978-1571313560	No
Wawa no Cidal	Lekal Sumi, Yu-chieh Cheng	Screened in class; Course reader provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
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
Get Out	Jordan Peele	Screened in class; Course reader provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Non-literary works	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

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

**You must 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, as well as the pagination. Please do not purchase other paper or electronic editions.**

Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
A Raisin in the Sun 	Lorraine Hansberry	Vintage	978-0679755333	No
Course Texts	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Flee	Jonas Poher Rasmussen	Screened in class; Course reader provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Non-literary works	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Medea 	Euripides	Norton Critical Editions	978-0393265453	No
Chronicle of a Death Foretold 	Gabriel García Márquez	Vintage	978-1400034710	No
*The Invention of Morel 	Adolfo Bioy Casares	NYRB Classics	978-1590170571	No
The Scarlet Letter	Nathaniel Hawthorne	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Raise the Red Lantern: Three Novellas 	Su Tong	William Morrow	978-0060596330	No

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**IB ENGLISH LITERATURE (SL/HL) YEAR 1**

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Great Gatsby 	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Scribner	978-0743273565	No
Course Texts	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Thing Around Your Neck	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Anchor Books	978-0307455918	No
Raise the Red Lantern: Three Novellas 	Su Tong	William Morrow	978-0060596330	No
The Bees	Carol Ann Duffy	Pan Macmillan/Picador	978-1509852925	No
Chronicle of a Death Foretold	Gabriel García Márquez	Vintage	978-1400034710	No
*The Stranger	Albert Camus	Vintage	978-0679720201	No
Sula	Toni Morrison	Vintage	978-1400033430	No
Selected Song Lyrics from Kendrick Lamar	Kendrick Lamar	Provided by teacher	N/A	No

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## AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

**You must 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?
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	W.W. Norton	978-0393264876	No
Course Texts	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte	W.W. Norton	978-0393284997	No
Death of a Salesman	Arthur Miller	Penguin	978-0140481341	No
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	Penguin	978-0385474542	No
Beginning Theory	Peter Barry	Manchester University Press	978-1526121790	No
Interior Chinatown	Charles Yu	Knopf Doubleday	978-0307948472	No
W;t	Margaret Edson	Faber & Faber	978-0571198771	No
Messy Roots	Laura Gao	HarperCollins	978-0063067769	No
Exit West	Mohsin Hamid	Riverhead Books	978-0735212206	No
Poetry	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
Supplementary Course Reader (this includes the entire text of <u>The Importance of Being Earnest</u> )	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A

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**ALL JOURNALISM COURSES**

**Summer Reading**

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.

**There are no course texts required to be purchased for Journalism**

**ALL CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP COURSES: No texts need to be purchased in advance.**