

## English Department Summer Reading 2023

**Come to class on September 8th prepared to discuss the books you read.**

Seniors are expected to demonstrate inquiry and autonomy in making choices and annotating their texts as much as possible, as this will prepare them for higher learning programs and courses of study.

**Clarifying questions throughout the summer: email Ms. Hamburger**

**Seniors (English 12 & AP Literature and Composition)**

**Read at least two of the following full length novels (they can be from different genres):**

**Victorian Novel from the Feminine Perspective / Bildungsroman (coming of age):**

*Villette* by Charlotte Bronte

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

**Speculative Fiction and Afro-Futurism:**

*Dawn* by Octavia Butler

*Kindred* By Octavia Butler

**Dystopian, Survival Fiction:**

*The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood

*The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

**International or Memoir Narrative:**

*Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston

*Moon Tiger* Penelope Lively

*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

The College Board also recommends (if time allows) exposing students to works by the following authors and (even if not for a grade) reading these authors will contribute to a lifelong appreciation of literature:

Gabriel Garcia Marquez

George Bernard Shaw

Nathaniel Hawthorne

Toni Morrison

William Shakespeare

William Faulkner

Emily Bronte

Edith Wharton

Paule Marshall

John Steinbeck

Richard Wright

Sylvia Plath  
Arthur Miller  
Charles Dickens  
Jane Austen  
Virginia Woolf  
Willa Cather  
John Milton