

NEWPORT NEWS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DEPARTMENT OF
TEACHING & LEARNING
SECONDARY ENGLISH



“Reading is the most important way to prepare for life.” -Lois Lowry

Whether we read to learn or read for enjoyment, the process of reading broadens our understanding of the world and those around us. The act of reading can take us places that we are unable to access at the present moment. Reading can also relieve stress, stimulate your brain, expand your vocabulary, and even improve your memory. The list of reading benefits is a long one!

Note: If there are questions about texts or summer reading assignments, please contact the school directly. Text selections and assignments are chosen and created by the AP teachers at each school.



ACHIEVABLE DREAM
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

11 AP Language and Composition:

Stamped, Jason Reynolds

Turtles All The Way Down, John Green

A Book of the Student's Choice

12 AP Literature and Composition:

How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Thomas C. Foster

The Color Purple, Alice Walker

A Book of the Student's Choice



DENBIGH
HIGH SCHOOL

11 AP Language and Composition

Required Reading: *The Color of Water* – James McBride

Select one: *In Cold Blood* – Truman Capote, or *The Jungle* – Upton Sinclair, or *The Invisible Man* – Ralph Ellison

12 AP Literature and Composition

Required: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster

Optional: *How to Read Poetry Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster



HERITAGE
HIGH SCHOOL

The students should select 2 from the list of titles

11 AP Language and Composition

The Lovely Bones, Alice Seabold
When I Was The Greatest, Jason Reynolds
Long Way Down, Jason Reynolds
Fences, August Wilson
Fake ID, Lamar Giles

12 AP Language and Composition

Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston
A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, James Joyce
The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison



MENCHVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL

11 AP Language and Composition

Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass, Frederick Douglass

12 AP Literature and Composition

Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
The Glass Menagerie, Tennessee Williams



11 AP Language and Composition

Boys in the Boat, Daniel Brown

12 AP Literature and Composition

Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini
How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Thomas C. Foster



WARWICK

HIGH SCHOOL

11 AP Language and Composition

We are encouraging students to select books to read that enhance their peace and understanding of the world.

12 AP Literature and Composition

The Tragedy of Macbeth William Shakespeare



WOODSIDE

HIGH SCHOOL

11 AP Language and Composition

The Awakening, Kate Chopin

Winesburg, Ohio, Sherwood Anderson

12 AP Literature and Composition

Joe Turner's Come and Gone, August Wilson

The Stranger, Albert Camus