

Blue Valley Southwest High School
Honors English Language Arts 9
Summer 2025 Reading Assignment
Mr. Dickinson & Ms. Winters – ELA Department

Dear Future Honors ELA 9 Student,

Welcome to Blue Valley Southwest High School! We are so excited to begin this journey with you as your Honors English Language Arts teacher. You're about to step into a year of exploration of literature, language, identity, and the world around us. And it all starts this summer!

Your Summer Reading Assignment

This summer, your task is simple but meaningful: **Read a novel of literary merit that you find engaging and thematically rich.** Choose a book that makes you think—about society, human nature, justice, resilience, or identity. Your book should **explore a profound theme**, one that invites reflection and discussion.

In our first week of school, you will complete a brief **in-class writing assignment** analyzing your book's theme, characters, and/or central conflict. You will not need to bring your book with you, but you will need to **come prepared with your thoughts and impressions.**

If you're not sure what to read, take a look at this list of recommendations to inspire you:

1. [Good Reads Summer Reading List](#)
2. [Johnson County Summer Reading Lists](#)
3. [Barnes & Noble Summer Reading List](#)

We cannot wait to hear about the stories that spoke to you. Enjoy your summer, read something meaningful, and we'll see you in August!

Warmly,

Mr. Dickinson & Ms. Winters
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