Summer 2024

Summer Enrichment, Reading & Required Assignments GUIDE

NHS Grades 9–12
Freshman Summer Enrichment

Directions
Choose a text or experience from the list below. Then...

- Reflect on the essential question
- Students will present and reflect on their enrichment experience in the fall in their freshman Global Awareness Class

Essential Question: How have hate, prejudice and bias impacted the world throughout history? How are hate, prejudice and bias impacting our community today?

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Freshman Honors Summer Reading

In addition to choosing one of the freshman enrichment choices, students taking honors freshman English will read *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Students should [prepare to participate in a Socratic Seminar](http://example.com) (or similar activity) about *Born a Crime* at the start of the school year.

Born a Crime is available as an Ebook for free with your library card through [Hoopla](http://example.com) and [Libby](http://example.com).
Directions
Choose a text or experience from the list below. Then...

- Reflect on the essential question
- Students will present and reflect on their enrichment experience in the fall in their sophomore chemistry class.

**Essential Question:** What is one way that chemistry impacts your day-to-day life and why should humans learn about science?

Books

**Fiction**
- *The Martian* by Andy Weir
- *Artemis* by Andy Weir
- *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

**Non-Fiction**
- *The Nature of Nature* by Enric Sala
- any book by Michio Kaku

Sites & Experiences

Chemistry of Cooking
- Take a [cooking class](#), baking class, borrow a book from the library, watch [YouTube](#)

Chemistry of Art
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Other Museums
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Sophomore Honors Summer Reading

In addition to choosing one of the sophomore enrichment choices, students taking honors sophomore English will select a memoir.

As you read this self-selected book, take notes using this note-catcher. These notes will be used to complete a writing assignment in class when you return to school.
Directions

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- Pick 1-2 questions from the list of unit essential questions and write a brief reflection including details of your text/experience and how it connects to or answers the question.
- Students will be asked to present about their summer experience in the fall in their Junior English class.

UNIT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Controversies in America
- How can we evaluate, interpret, and dissect information in our world to determine our own thoughts and opinions?
- How are our voices a product of our historical and political contexts?
- How have people, both in American history and present day, successfully brought about change through persuasion?

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- What are the distinctive characteristics of the American Dream?
- How has the American Dream evolved with innovation and technology?
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The Search for Self
- How is a person shaped by his/her/their culture, family, and/or personal experiences?
- What impact does society and culture have on shaping one’s understanding of the world?
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Conformity Vs Rebellion
- How do authors use characterization to challenge or reinforce societal or gender norms?
- What struggles and experiences are characteristic of the transition from childhood to adulthood, and how do these struggles help an individual develop an authentic sense of self?

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Non-Fiction
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Sites to Visit
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- Walk the Black Heritage Trail: free audio tour or tour the museum
- Visit Fruitlands Museum and Heritage Site
- Salem Witch Museum
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Junior Honors & AP Summer Reading

If you are taking Junior Honors English (English 30) in addition to choosing one of the junior enrichment choices, students taking honors junior English will read *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. As you read A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, track the following topics related to the American Dream: poverty, gender identity, ethnic identity/xenophobia, family, education, or industrialization. Here are some reading questions to guide discussion in the fall.

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* is available as an Ebook for free with your library card through Libby.

**AP English Language and Composition**

In place of the junior English summer enrichment assignment, AP Language students will read *They Say / I Say* by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Additionally, they must complete the activities explained in this document: [AP English Language & Composition 2024 Summer Work](#).
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Senior Summer Enrichment
from Guidance

Directions
Senior Summer Assignment: College and Career Readiness
- Follow the Guidance Department Senior Year Checklist to prepare for your Fall Guidance Seminar and college/career planning

Resources
Senior Year Checklist
Career Planning Website
Senior Honors & AP Summer Reading

There is no additional summer work for Honors English Electives

AP English Literature and Composition (Seniors) All students will read *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde, *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri, and excerpts from *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster. For details on on summer assignments and expectations, please see this document: [AP Literature 2024 Summer Work](#).
NHS Summer Reading & Enrichment

Goals and Expectations Specific grade-level courses will be assigned a list of options related to course content. Texts and activities will enable students to build background knowledge through experiential learning while developing an authentic relationship with the curriculum.

Note: Honors English courses have additional Summer Reading assignments. AP English courses have different Summer Reading Assignments.

Freshmen: Social Studies - Global Awareness
Sophomores: Science - Chemistry

Juniors: English - American Literature
Seniors: Guidance - College and Career Readiness

Senior Summer Assignment: College and Career Readiness

☐ Follow the Guidance Department Senior Year Checklist to prepare for your Fall Guidance Seminar and college/career planning

Resources

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# Junior Summer Assignment: American Literature

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## Experiences

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## Museums & Historical Sites

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## Film

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**Sophomore Summer Assignment: Chemistry**

- ☐ Choose a text or experience below
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FINAL REMINDER

Consult the Natick High School Summer Work (2024-2025) document provided by the school to determine if you have summer work. Classes are listed alphabetically in the document.