

Balboa High School Summer Reading Assignment

What do you mean “summer reading?”

Each year, Balboa’s students are required to read **two** works of literature over the summer for their English class the following year.

What if I don’t do the reading?

In the fall, you will be required by your pathway to write an essay about the summer reading. Your teachers will expect that you have finished the reading by the first day of school. If you haven’t done the reading, it will affect your grade significantly.

How do I know what to read?

You are to choose ONE book from the grade-level lists below. Then, choose ONE book on your own. This book must be appropriate for school, interesting to you, and at your reading skill level. You may choose your second book from the grade-level list if you wish.

Grade-level reading lists:

Incoming 9th graders (class of 2014) -

OPTIONAL

Incoming 10th graders (class of 2013)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<i>Cry the Beloved Country</i>	Paton	<i>Barrio Boy</i>	Galarza
<i>The Odyssey</i>	Homer	<i>Black Boy</i>	Wright
<i>When the Rainbow Goddess Wept</i>	Brainard	<i>Bless Me, Ultima</i>	Anaya
<i>The Aeneid</i>	Virgil	<i>China Boy</i>	Lee
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	Carroll	<i>Fallen Angels</i>	Myers
<i>Arrow of God</i>	Achebe	<i>A Gathering of Old Men</i>	Gaines
<i>Aura</i>	Fuentes	<i>The Joy Luck Club</i>	Tan
<i>Dance Hall of the Dead</i>	Hillerman	<i>Julius Caesar</i>	Shakespeare
<i>The Fellowship of the Ring</i>	Tolkien	<i>The Kitchen God's Wife</i>	Tan
<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	Swift	<i>No-no Boy</i>	Okada
<i>The Hobbit</i>	Tolkien	<i>He Piano Lesson</i>	Wilson
<i>The Human Comedy</i>	Saroyan	<i>Skin Deep</i>	Garcia
<i>The Iliad</i>	Homer	<i>Typical American</i>	Jen
<i>The King Must Die</i>	Renault	<i>Wooden Fish Songs</i>	McCunn
<i>Kitchen</i>	Yoshimoto	<i>A Yellow Raft in Blue Water</i>	Dorris
<i>Nectar in a Sieve</i>	Markandaya	<i>China Men</i>	Kingston
<i>The once and Future King</i>	White	<i>Fifth Chinese Daughter</i>	Wong
<i>A Single Pebble</i>	Hersey	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	Baldwin
<i>Walkabout</i>	Marshall	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Angelou
		<i>Living Up the Street</i>	Soto

