

Upper School Required Summer Reading 2023

Philosophy of Summer Reading

The Park Tudor Upper School summer reading assignment enhances the curriculum of the English department. Instructors select age-appropriate works of fiction and non-fiction, which are assigned as mandatory reading over the summer months. The reading of commonly assigned texts, which can be immediately discussed at the beginning of the year, serves to build community in the classroom. It also provides students with a starting point to sharpen their critical thinking and analytical skills. Finally, the assigned books encourage students to participate in the abstract conversation with and between texts.

Students should complete the required reading with care, as they will be assigned work based on their reading shortly after school resumes in the fall.

English I

Radioactive: Marie and Pierre Curie: A Tale of Love and Fallout, Lauren Redniss

English I Plus

Radioactive: Marie and Pierre Curie: A Tale of Love and Fallout, Lauren Redniss

English II

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates, Wes Moore

English II Plus

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates, Wes Moore

English III

When the Emperor was Divine, Julie Otsuka

English III AP

In Cold Blood, Truman Capote

English IV

The Shell Collector: Stories, Anthony Doerr

English IV AP

All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr

AP United States History

The Color of Law, Richard Rothstein