

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Delsea Regional High School English Department has decided to make summer reading voluntary for A and B level English classes for the 22-23 school year. Before the end of the school year, the Honors and AP level teachers will be reaching out to the students enrolled in those courses to discuss summer reading for their respective programs.

Reading a wide variety of texts exposes students to the complex and varied viewpoints that shape their world. To encourage this growth, the English department is promoting reading for enjoyment as a way to extend our students' worldview beyond their individual lives. Reading for pleasure also provides a solid foundation for continuing education and career readiness. Students who choose to read in their spare time benefit by increasing their comprehension as well as developing their ability to be discerning readers and thinkers.

While summer reading is not required this year, the English teachers are strongly encouraging students to explore different voices and experiences in literature throughout the summer months. To help students select books, the English department has put together the following <u>grade-level recommended reading lists</u>. Prior to the end of the school year, students are welcome to explore and borrow books from the Delsea High School Media Center to enjoy over the summer.

If you have any questions regarding the high school's summer reading goals and expectations, please reach out to the district's Supervisor of Humanities, Dr. Michael Berner, at mberner@delsearegional.us.

Sincerely, The English Department